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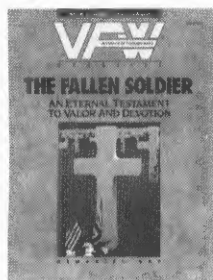


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The Last Friendly Face by Tom Mangan. The writer records his thoughts as he visits the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and finds the name of one of his close Air Force comrades, Tom McCormick. He had flown missions to Vietnam from Guam and finally was killed when his plane crashed on takeoff. Four years after the memorial's dedication, McCormick's name was one of 95 added. 20

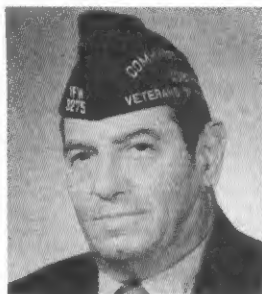
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VA Needs More Money



By Commander-in-Chief
Earl L. Stock, Jr.

During the Washington Conference, Commander-in-Chief Earl L. Stock appeared on March 8 before a joint session of the Senate and House Veterans' Affairs Committees to present VFW's legislative priority goals. Here are highlights of Commander-in-Chief Stock's presentation.

As you know, the first session of the 100th Congress produced few public laws affecting veterans. That is certainly not to say the Senate and House Veterans' Affairs Committees sat idly by and did not work to improve veterans' programs. Today, Senate and House conferees are working hard to iron out their differences in a massive legislative package that will impact on a multitude of veterans' programs and entitlements.

Veterans soon will be seeing improvements in the national cemetery system; expansion of the list of presumptions for veterans exposed to ionizing radiation and Agent Orange; the liberalization of employment programs, and vast improvements in the VA's health-care delivery system.

Yes, it has been a busy year. As always, it has been a year of cooperation between the VFW and the Senate and House Veterans' Affairs Committees. The close working relationship that exists between your staff director and counselor — Jonathan R. Steinberg, Mack G. Fleming, Anthony J. Principi, Rufus H. Wilson and their staffs — and the Executive Director of our Washington Office, Cooper T.

Holt, along with the National Legislative Service Director, James N. Magill, and their staffs, can attest only to the one common goal we all have — serving our nation's veterans.

As stated previously, few pieces of legislation were enacted into law during the first session of the 100th Congress. However, those laws that were will certainly have a marked impact on our nation's veterans. This past summer, in a Rose Garden ceremony, President Reagan signed into law legislation making the New GI Bill a permanent program. The VFW is proud to have played a part in this successful effort. Again, I would like to take this opportunity to commend Sonny Montgomery for his determined effort in pressing to have this most cost-effective program made permanent. Now America's youth may be afforded the opportunity to obtain a college education by virtue of their serving our great nation in the Armed Forces. I can think of no better way nor more fitting a tribute than to refer to this program as the Montgomery GI Bill.

Another new public law substantially changes the VA Home Loan Guaranty Program. Your respective committees must be commended for advancing this legislation so that many more veterans can realize the American dream of homeownership. You should also be commended for addressing in a responsible manner those problems which face the Home Loan Guaranty Program, particularly the high foreclosure rate and the large amount of time real property is held by the VA. We look forward to working with you in the future to keep this a viable program which can best serve the veteran.

As you know, this past September, meetings were held in Washington by the leadership of the VFW to establish our legislative priority goals for 1988. Much thought and discussion went into selecting and formulating these key legislative mandates, and it is indeed my honor to now present to you on behalf of our entire membership, the VFW's priorities.

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Commander-in-Chief Earl L. Stock, Jr. outlines for the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees VFW's legislative priority goals. He is flanked by Washington Office Executive Director Cooper T. Holt and National Legislative Service Director James N. Magill.

ity legislative program for 1988.

First and foremost, we have established elevating the Veterans Administration to a federal department as our Number 1 priority goal for this year. After many years of recognizing the need to establish the VA as a federal department, we are now closer than ever before to seeing this goal become a reality. I would like to thank Chairman Sonny Montgomery and the ranking minority member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, Jerry Solomon, for their untiring efforts in shepherding legislation through the House of Representatives which would elevate the VA to Cabinet level. I would also like to recognize Sen. Strom Thurmond, Chairman Alan Cranston and the ranking minority member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, Frank Murkowski, for introducing similar legislation in the United States Senate. Today, more than 60 Senators are cosponsors of this landmark piece of legislation. However, I am concerned. While it is only March of 1988, there is little time left for enactment. This being an election year, the second session of the 100th Congress will be interrupted by national conventions and, of course, an early adjournment date. I am concerned that misguided individuals may see this important and worthy objective as a vehicle to advance other proposals which are both controversial and complex. The VFW strongly urges that any attempt to link Cabinet status with any other legislative initiative be soundly rejected. Elevating the VA to a federal department should stand on its own merits and not be encumbered or be held hostage by special interests or ulterior motives.

The VFW has adopted as a priority goal the restoration of beneficiary travel to afford all veterans access to VA medical centers. As you know, the vast majority of veterans seeking treatment in VA facilities are Category A patients. Of course, this includes the most needy in the veteran population. For many of these veterans (the elderly, the infirm, the

medically deprived), VA beneficiary travel money is the only means they have of gaining access to health care. Without beneficiary travel, a large number of these veterans will have no choice but to forgo needed medical attention. In the long run, many of these neglected veterans will end up with severe medical disabilities which could have been prevented. Legislation is now in conference which addresses the beneficiary travel issue. The VFW would encourage the conferees to resolve their differences so that the beneficiary travel program is adequately funded to ensure that no veteran will have to forgo health care.

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With respect to the Veterans Administration's budget, we prevail upon the Congress of the United States to provide an adequate funding level for the VA which will not only maintain the basic integrity of its entire medical-care system and entitlement programs but will also enable it to properly prepare for increasing demands. Prior to my appearance before you today, the VFW presented to you its views on the President's proposed Veterans Administration budget for FY '89.

Not only has this budget failed to recognize or acknowledge the future challenges facing the Veterans Administration, it does not even provide a current services funding level. The Department of Veterans Benefits recently has come under criticism for slow claims processing, yet, the President proposes to cut 492 employees from this department, while VA regional offices are already hard-pressed to maintain acceptable adjudication schedules, their staffs would be cut by almost 250 employ-

ees. While the VA Home Loan Guaranty Program continues to be one of the most popular and heavily utilized programs, the Administration recommends cutting that overworked staff by 75 employees. The list goes on. For the last several years, the VFW has witnessed a continual attempt by the Administration to erode the integrity of the Veterans Administration and particularly its ability to serve our nation's veterans in a timely manner.

The VFW was shocked when we saw the FY '89 Administration budget proposal for VA medical care. We have established as a priority goal a commitment to ensure that the Veterans Administration's health-care system be continually improved and not allowed to be undermined or eroded. Only in this way will treatment always be provided to all veterans seeking VA health care. Not only does the Administration's proposal fail to allow for needed improvement in the VA health-care system, it does not even provide sufficient resources to maintain current services. Veterans will suffer. At a time when our veteran population is rapidly aging and will require more extensive, sophisticated and labor-intensive medical care, the Administration is proposing to cut medical care staffing by 1,782 employees. While hard budget numbers create the illusion of an increase in funding for medical care, let me point out this apparent increase amounts only to just 2% over last year's level. By the Administration's own estimate, inflation is projected at 4.5%. These numbers speak for themselves. VA medical-care funding for FY '89 is being cut. It appears the Administration does not believe that the VA even deserves a current services budget to care for those who answered the nation's call. Well, the VFW believes the VA deserves more than just a current services funding level. Veterans deserve more than just a "make do" budget.

In a related issue on medical care,

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the VFW fully supports adequate funding of the VA's major and minor construction programs to provide for the replacement and modernization of aging VA facilities. It is well known that many buildings are over 30 years old and some cannot undergo any design changes or other improvements because of their poured concrete construction. The VFW commends the Administration's decision to implement the replacement and/or modernization programs in Atlanta, Ga.; Bronx, N.Y.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Newington, Conn., and Pittsburgh, Pa. We also applaud the nursing home and domiciliary construc-

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tion programs in Tampa, Fla., and Mountain Home, Tenn., as well as the clinical improvements in Beckley, W. Va.; Nashville, Tenn.; Perry Point, Md., and San Antonio, Texas. However, we were disappointed to see an overall reduction in the Administration's FY '89 construction budget of \$22 million. We believe the Administration must support an aggressive construction program which not only meets today's needs but also addresses the future needs of the Veterans Administration.

Speaking of the future needs of the Veterans Administration, we must not ignore the nation's commitment to provide for the needs of our aging veteran population. Your respective committees must be commended for recognizing not only the physical needs of our aging veterans but their psychological needs as well. Your actions have allowed the VA to increase the number and diversity of its non-institutionalized extended-care programs. These programs are intended to allow the aging veteran

to experience an independent life-style — a more productive and purposeful life. Respite care allows the veteran to enjoy living with his or her family. At the same time, it allows the family to occasionally catch its breath from the great demands of geriatric care. Adult day health care, again, allows the family to remain intact. Home-based hospital care reassures the family that their veteran-family member will receive the professional care he needs while remaining a part of the family unit. The VFW commends and applauds the Senate and House Veterans' Affairs Committees in working to allow those veterans who require some professional health care to remain with their families. We must all remember that the country that turns its back on its defenders in their time of greatest need also turns its back on its future.

As we are concerned with the health-care and entitlement needs of our nation's veterans, we are also concerned about our veterans continuing to serve our nation through productivity. The Administration, inconceivably, has requested no additional funds for the Veterans' Job Training Act which has placed almost 60,000 Vietnam Era and Korean War veterans into jobs. Without the VJTA, those 60,000 veterans would now be drawing from the federal treasury rather than contributing to it. The Veterans' Job Training Act is not a drain on the economy but rather something which revitalizes and strengthens it.

The VFW supports full cost-of-living adjustments for all VA compensation recipients and military retirees. I would like to take this opportunity to address an Administration proposal which would, in our opinion, have an adverse impact on the VA's compensation program. I am referring to the indexing of compensation benefits to the annual change in the Consumer Price Index. We believe this action would, in all likelihood, reduce Congressional review of the program. In the past, Congress has been very compassion-

ate and fair in addressing the needs of our nation's service-connected disabled, and we foresee no benefit to veterans in substituting an automatic process for the personal attention of your committees and, for that matter, the entire Congress.

I would now like to address an issue which has taken too long to resolve — Agent Orange. There are still questions that must be an-

swered. Many veterans truly believe their disabilities and illnesses are a direct result of their exposure to herbicides in Vietnam. Much money and time have been spent in an attempt to resolve this issue but to no avail. I call upon your committees to advance legislation which will liberalize the adjudication procedure so as to place the burden of proof on the U.S. government. ■



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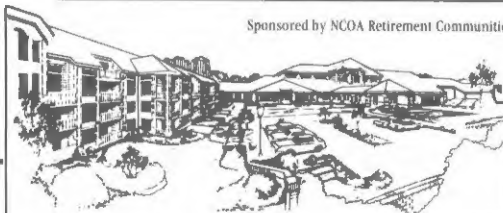
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Long Overdue Tribute to Women

By Sen. Frank Murkowski

Robert Shirtliffe was an American patriot. Enlisting in the Continental Army in 1778, Robert served as a common soldier fighting the British. In three years of combat Robert was wounded three times. It says something about the medical practices of the day that it wasn't until Robert's third time in an Army hospital that "his" true identity was discovered. Robert Shirtliffe, it turned out, was in reality Deborah Samson, a Massachusetts housewife — one of the first of many American women who have served our nation in time of war.

Since before the founding of our republic and throughout our history, American women have fought for freedom selflessly and with little or no recognition for their contributions. While there are other fascinating stories of women who posed as men to see active combat, thousands of women have volunteered for the U.S. Armed Forces to serve in support roles, aiding our nation's fighting men. Today there are more than a million women veterans of the two world wars, Korea and Vietnam. And though many women gave their lives in defense of America, women veterans have never been properly honored, until now.

Last November, President Reagan signed Public Law 99-610, authorizing construction of the National Women Veterans Memorial on federal land in Washington, D.C.

The memorial, long a dream of women who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, will give the veterans the recognition they deserve. With the creation of this memorial in the nation's capital, a tribute to their dedication and sacrifice will take its place alongside monuments to the men who served, and it will become part of the national heritage.

The time is long past due that we recognize the contribution made over the past 200 years by American women to our military efforts in

defense of freedom. During the Revolutionary War, women served as nurses, laundry and kitchen workers and cannon swabbers. In the Civil War, women were spies, couriers, nurses and doctors. Women nurses were in the midst of the Spanish-American War.

During the World War I, women served in the Navy as yeomen and radio electricians; 34,000 women served in the Army and Navy nurse

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corps. Three were awarded Distinguished Service Medals. Thirty-eight died in the service of their country. In World War II, almost half a million women served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. At the same time, more than 1,000 women pilots ferried planes as Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs). More than 50,000 women participated in the Korean War and about 10,000 served in Vietnam.

Today, according to Department of Defense estimates, 220,000 officer and enlisted women comprise over 10% of the active U.S. forces.

The law authorizing the construction of the memorial mandates the creation of a Women in Military Service Memorial Foundation. The

foundation is charged with the responsibility of funding the project and moving it forward, toward ground-breaking by 1990.

At present, the foundation is considering a site for the memorial at an entrance to the Arlington National Cemetery outside Washington. The foundation says it wants the memorial to:

- Illustrate the partnership of women with men in the defense of the nation.

- Set forth the historic contribution of women in the military.

- Symbolize the dedication and strength of all women.

- Inspire women on duty today and in the years to come.

Plans now call for the memorial to be set "in a natural landscape that includes the serenity of water," because the foundation wants it to be a place of contemplation. A nationwide competition will be held in the near future to select the memorial's final design.

I'm honored to have been asked to serve on the national advisory committee for the memorial foundation. It's an opportunity for me to join with all Americans to make sure we pay an appropriate tribute to the women veterans of our country by establishing a memorial to them that will stand for all time. ■



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MAIL CALL

Seeks Help

Dean R. Braden, Past Post Commander active in the VFW Buddy Poppy sales for 32 years, is seeking help for his son, Terry, who received severe head injuries in an auto accident in 1987. Terry's hobby is collecting refillable cigarette lighters, any size, new or old, any condition, and parts for same. His father knows this activity is very beneficial in his rehabilitation. Please send your idle and discarded lighters and help Terry's recovery. — *Dean R. Braden, 910B Carlisle Drive, Rochelle, Ill. 61068.*

Anyone Remember?

In January or February, 1944, I was assigned with a group of about 800 men to participate in a three- to four-week special service training. We were to be used as a strike force to make a small landing about 10 to 15 miles north of Anzio. It was believed by Gen. Mark Clark that this small unit could be used as a diversion to entice the Germans to withdraw some of their division from Anzio. I was hospitalized with pneumonia so did not participate in this diversionary action. I have never been able to find out the result. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who participated with any information they have on this operation. — *Walter J. Brueggemann, 909 So. Lexington Parkway, Saint Paul, Minn. 55116.*

Memorial Day Tapes

Separate cassettes of taped "Taps" and the rifle salute recorded at the funeral of President John F. Kennedy are available from me for Memorial Day at no cost, although a donation for postage and handling is appreciated. — *George Gregory, 2985 Nightingale, Auburn Hts., Mich. 48057.*

A Victory

As this letter from Reader's Digest shows, we have won a small victory. After many years of trying to get justice for the traitorous acts of Jane Fonda who not only consorted with the enemy during Vietnam, but also caused our servicemen to endure additional torture at the hands of the

North Vietnamese, Reader's Digest has agreed to stop advertising and selling her works.

"Thank you for your letter and your comments regarding the Jane Fonda video tape. While we have selected this tape on the basis of its professional quality, which is our primary concern with all Reader's Digest products, we have received a number of negative comments regarding the Fonda video.

"The tape is listed in two current catalogs already in print and scheduled for release in January and April, 1988. After April, the tape will no longer be offered by Reader's Digest. Sincerely, Patricia Forte, Customer Service." — *Fred J. Frank, 1800 Altura Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001.*

'Liberty Bell' of West

The article "The 'Liberty Bell' No One Sees" by Grover Brinkman (February) was very much appreciated. We members of Kaskaskia Post 3553, Chester, Ill., have participated in all of the programs of the ringing of the Liberty Bell of the West and are presently cosponsors of this patriotic program. Joe Akers, the now-deceased owner of the local paper, started this program in 1971 and was master of ceremonies until the year before his death in 1986. We would be glad to direct anyone to the Bell of Kaskaskia Island. — *Donald Hartenberger, Commander, Post 3553, 939 State St., Chester, Ill. 62233.*

Illinois Story Pleased

The article "Great River Road" (March) by Grover Brinkman I read with great interest and appreciation. A native of Grand Tower, I was pleased to see so accurate a mention of my hometown and surrounding area. The comment on "You-be-damned" holler did my heart good. My high school was four towns consisting of Grand Tower, Wolf Lake, Ware and McClure. The holler is between Ware and McClure. I live only 30 miles away from my home area, but not many people have heard of many areas you mentioned. Even I

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WASHINGTON WIRE

LEGISLATIVE

VA Home Loan Program: In a continuing review of the Veterans Administration's home loan program, the House Veterans' Affairs Committee held another hearing on this extremely popular and beneficial program. This one focused on the program's solvency and how economic conditions have impacted on it. Following are excerpts of VFW comments at the hearing.

"The Veterans of Foreign Wars is firmly committed to working for the improvement of this program, so important to all veterans and particularly at this time to younger Vietnam veterans.

"We must state from the outset that it is our heartfelt contention that the VA home loan program is first and foremost a veteran's entitlement program. As such, there should be absolutely no expectation that it always operate at a profit. That is simply not in the nature or spirit of an entitlement program. Entitlement programs very seldom deliver a profit, although through the majority of its existence, the VA home loan program has managed to serve this nation's veterans while operating in the black.

"The VFW heartily applauds efforts of the Senate and House Veterans' Affairs Committees on the formulation of the most comprehensive VA home loan program legislation to be enacted into law in recent history, Public Law 100-198, the Veterans' Housing Rehabilitation and Program Improvements Act of 1987. We believe this law will contribute toward improving the operation and financial solvency of the VA home loan program.

"Even so, because of certain unfortunate economic factors prevalent in the national economy, foreclosures and program costs are increasing. Many of the VA home loan program's problems are due to circumstances beyond its control; however, there is also room for improvement in its operation. With respect to reducing program cost, we believe two main objectives are to be achieved: reducing the number of foreclosures and improving the handling of defaulted properties by the VA.

"With respect to reducing foreclosures, we believe veterans should be extended periods of grace and receive priority assistance from the VA in order to make their mortgage payments and keep their own homes. Veterans and ultimately the VA Home Loan Guaranty Program would benefit.

"We also believe considerable improvement can be made in the manner in which defaulted properties are handled. It is of paramount importance to reduce the amount of time real property is held by the VA. Real property is very expensive to hold since the VA must pay taxes on all such property in its inventory, as well as securing it against vandalism and weather.

Although the current decline in interest rates should increase VA property sales, new and more aggressive marketing techniques could further enhance such activity. Another means of enhancing the VA Home Loan Guaranty Program's assets would be increasing its portfolio of vendee loans since they generate collections in the form of principal and interest payments. Additionally, funds generated by asset sales enter the Loan Guaranty Revolving Fund (LGRF) as offsetting collections which offset obligations and, correspondingly, outlays.

"Also under discussion today is the potential benefit of mortgage insurance versus the current 1% VA funding fee and then setting up an insurance pool which could be invested. It is a matter of record that the Veterans of Foreign Wars strongly opposes any increase in the user fee for VA-guaranteed home loan. We further recognize that if this funding fee were replaced with mortgage insurance that the veteran would at least get something for his money. That is, if the veteran's loan were to go into default, mortgage insurance would afford a measure of financial protection. However, we would also point out that such insurance, even if subsidized in part by the government, would have to be paid year after year and could result in increased cost to the veteran. We are also concerned that such a program may have as yet unforeseen adverse implications for the program. So while we do not fully support this proposal at this time, we do acknowledge that further investigation is in order.

"We will also comment at this time on legislation which is being proposed to repeal the Administrator's authority to establish maximum interest rates. The Veterans of Foreign Wars strongly opposes eliminating the current authority of the VA Administrator to establish the VA home loan interest rate. We view the often posited argument that this authority limits a veteran's ability to negotiate a more favorable rate as specious. The VA-established rate is, in fact, only a ceiling which certainly does not disallow a veteran and a lending institution from negotiating a lower mortgage rate. The VA-established rate not only provides the veteran with greater parity in an unequal market place, it also serves as a national benchmark providing both the mortgage and the building industries with a degree of stability that they would not otherwise enjoy. We are convinced that eliminating the administrator's authority to establish an interest ceiling would be a serious mistake, working against the veteran's best interest and seriously jeopardizing a most beneficial program."

WASHINGTON WIRE

SERVICE

Honoring World War I Veterans: Commemorating the 70th anniversary of U.S. entry into World War I, the French government decided in late 1987 to recognize living U.S. veterans who served in France.

A certificate on behalf of the French government will be issued to living veterans of World War I who meet the basic eligibility criteria of an honorable discharge and service in France from April 6, 1917 through Nov. 11, 1918. The Veterans Administration has agreed to assist in this project and is issuing the certificates on behalf of the French government.

Requests for certificates should be sent to the Director, Veterans Assistance Service (27), VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20420. Information required includes veteran's full name, VA claim or Social Security number and service serial number; current address, telephone number and date of birth; branch of service and WWI unit/division/group; date left U.S. for France and date landed in France; location of veteran's service in France and battles in which the veteran was engaged; awards or decorations received, and the veteran should date and sign this submission.

Organizations also can request that the certificates be forwarded to them for presentation. The required information must be provided concerning each veteran, however.

DoD Tightens Payments: The Department of Defense has recently discovered that bills have been paid for medical care at VA facilities that should never have been paid. This is particularly true in the case of military retirees. Some military retiree beneficiaries, whose bills for VA medical care have been fully paid in the past, will be required in the future to cost-share their care at rates established by Congress and applied by the so-called means test. Because any earlier payments were made incorrectly by DoD, no action will be taken to recoup past payments from either the beneficiary or the VA.

This is not a change in DoD or VA policy. DoD beneficiaries (military retirees, for example) who have been receiving care in VA facilities may continue to do so on the same space available basis under VA eligibility criteria (the means test). If the beneficiaries are eligible for care at the VA, their care will be paid for by the VA or the patient who is accepted on a space available basis may have to cost-share his or her care by making a Medicare co-payment in accordance with Public Law 99-272, the means test.

SECURITY

POW/MIA Update: At the Midwinter Conference, President Reagan repeated his assurance that his Administration will continue to press for resolution

of the POW/MIA issue. He acknowledged this issue as one of the highest national priority.

Prior to his remarks, the POW/MIA Committee met on March 6 and heard retired Army Gen. Robert C. Kingston, deputy to Presidential emissary Gen. John Vessey, give a briefing on the negotiations in Hanoi and its results. Kingston said Vessey told Vietnamese officials the POW/MIA issue was not just another political issue with the American people. He urged the Vietnamese to resolve discrepancy cases as soon as possible and raised the question of any live Americans in Vietnam.

Negotiators suggested specific steps to speed up the progress, such as providing training to Vietnamese search teams. When Hanoi representatives said Vietnam wants to return to its two-year plan, Vessey rejected it because his goal is the fullest possible accounting of missing Americans, not just simply to work on this issue for two years and then quit.

The U.S. team agreed to consider Hanoi's humanitarian concerns, and a team of U.S. prosthetic experts has visited Vietnam and issued a report on rehabilitation requirements. A non-profit foundation is being established for this purpose.

In reviewing progress to date, Kingston said Hanoi promised to return the remains of 23 servicemen, but on March 2 had provided only 17 and information on three others. Asked about their promise of 23, Vietnamese officials indicated that was all they were prepared to return. Kingston used this as an example of the difficulties in negotiating with Hanoi. The 17 remains have been sent to the Central Identification Laboratory (CIL) for identification.

A fourth round of humanitarian talks began in late March. The U.S. POW/MIA technical team was to return to Hanoi for more talks. The Vietnamese may answer why they did not return all 23 remains as promised and may provide additional information on the discrepancy cases.

The POW/MIA Committee also reviewed the VFW's POW/MIA resolutions and were advised that Commander-in-Chief Stock has discussed personally the issue with the Secretaries of Defense and State and the President and Vice President. Among the points he made: issue must remain one of the highest national priorities; emphasis must be placed on the recovery of any live Americans from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos; government-to-government contact must be speeded up to resolve this issue as fast as possible, and the VFW supports retention of Gen. Vessey as Presidential envoy to Hanoi. If conditions warrant, he should be appointed Presidential emissary to Laos and either he or General Kingston be appointed to the Defense Intelligence Agency Senior Review Group.

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did not know, or heard it so long ago that I cannot remember when, that Sand Ridge was the last area for the different Indian tribes. Again, thank you for a fine article both informative and accurate. It made me prouder of the home area more than I have been in a long time. — *Barbara Penrod Lipe, Rt. 1, Box 284A, Carbondale, Ill. 62901.*

Unique?

We have a member of Post 5315, Peacock, Mich., whose record we believe is unique. Our member, Harold Allison, enlisted in the U.S. Army early in 1917 and was in France. He was in Germany until June, 1919, was discharged in that year and returned to civilian life. Early in 1942, he enlisted in the Navy Seabees and served three years in the Pacific theater. He was discharged a CPO and stayed in the reserves. He was recalled to active duty during the Korean War. When discharged, he returned to civilian life. He is 89, in good health, drives every day and lives with his wife in Baldwin, Mich. — *Don Vanden Bos, Sr., 4206 Walnut Hills Lane, S.E., Kentwood, Mich. 49508.*

Urges Yes Vote on VA

I would like to encourage each and every member of the VFW, the Auxiliary and their families, or even the families of other veterans to write their Senators encouraging them to vote affirmatively to elevate the VA to a Cabinet-level post. Many brave men and women have answered the call to uphold and defend our great Constitution. Isn't it about time to say, "Thank you for a job well done"? Please take the time to write. — *Lloyd Lapore, Past Commander, Post 4050, 6917 N.W. 79th St., Kansas City, Mo. 64152-2134.*

Thanks Service Officer

In a letter to Mail Call (February), Arthur Rodrigues, VFW Service Officer, was praised. Let me add my two cents, but I'll sign my letter. I went to Mr. Rodrigues's office on behalf of C.G. (Chick) Miller who was discharged from Kaiser and in a convalescent

hospital to the tune of about \$2,500 to \$3,000. Chick had three or four tanks shot out from under him, and I thought he deserved a spot in the VA hospital. Chick passed away before he could be admitted, but I would like to thank publicly Arthur Rodrigues for all he tried to do. — *W.S. Weller, 8301 Mission Gorge Rd., SP 170, Santee, Calif. 92071.*

Backs WWII Memorial

Washington Wire (March) reports legislation would establish a World War II Veterans Memorial. As a veteran of World War II, I believe it is a good idea, but I also believe Franklin D. Roosevelt should be so honored for his courageous leadership and foresight during those trying years. For a man who did so much for America during his Presidency and not be honored by at least one memorial is a national scandal. Speaking of ingratitude, when Dec. 7, June 6 and other historic dates roll around it is hard to find coverage and the significance of those dates in our newspapers. How quickly we forget. — *Paul A Bednar-chik, RD 2, Box 956, Shamokin, Pa. 17872.*

Author's Query

Researching a book about the U.S. Army and Air Force helicopters which supported the Australian infantry, New Zealand artillery, Korean infantry and U.S. Marine ground units in Viet Nam, 1965-67, I would welcome any information concerning aviation units, types of helicopters flown, missions, dates, liaison and, if known, the identity of the allied units supported. — *John Mateyko, Box 24030, Cincinnati, Ohio 45224.*

Author's Search

I am doing research on the collision of the USS Chaffinch (AM-81) and the HMS Pentland Firth that happened on the night of Sept. 19, 1942, in New York Harbor. Any data concerning this incident will be appreciated. The HMS Pentland Firth was sunk and all hands were saved. — *Tom Gaffney, 195 Whipple St., Manchester, N.H. 03102.*

Wants Ruptured Duck

Wanted, World War II discharge pins or any other item that has the Ruptured Duck on it. I started collecting a few years ago, and now I have more than 300. They include tie clasps, discharge pins of different materials, some for mounting on auto license plates as well as sew-on patches. Donations gladly accepted, but I will reimburse postage or buy outright — *Ernie Argo, 650 Central Ave., Lebanon, Ore. 97355.*

B-17 Crew Sought

For a plaque dedication ceremony at O'Donovan's Hotel in Clonakilty, County Cork, Ireland, July 23 and 24, I would appreciate help in locating former crew members of a USAAF B-17, "Taint a Bird" (serial number 42-3900) that force landed in Clonakilty April 7, 1943. The 11-man crew was not interned and was later released on May 2, 1943, but the mascot, a monkey named Jo-Jo, died of the cold. Their names were W.K. Thomas, J.B. Stapleton, C.P. Haynes, W. Prochaska, C.H. Cameron, R.J. Neely, M.J. St. Louis, W. Whitcombe, G. Tice, F. Thompson and A.G. Arneson. — *Gerard O'Regan, The Warplane Research Group of Ireland, "Blath-na-Greine," Ballinlough Road, Cork, Ireland.*

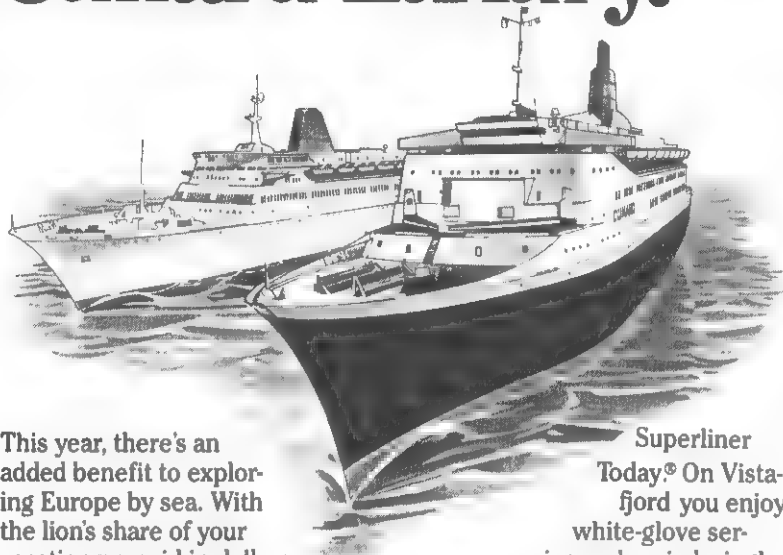
A Query

When I was discharged from the U.S. Navy on June 20, 1946, at Camp Wallace, Houston, Texas, all of us had to turn in our dog tags and ID cards. What was the reasoning behind this? Did this pertain to all Navy personnel or was this just a policy at Camp Wallace? Also, did our World War II dog tags have a notch and for what purpose? — *Richard J. Gilbreth, 5501 County Road D5, Antonito, Colo. 81120.*

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Merchant Marine Ineligible for VFW

Action by the Defense Department, directed by a federal judge, granting veterans' status to WWII merchant seamen who served between Dec. 7, 1941, and Aug. 15, 1945, does not make them eligible for VFW membership, according to a March 23 statement from VFW National Headquarters.

Recognition of these former members of the merchant marine as veterans is for purposes of applying for VA entitlement programs only, the statement said.

VFW membership under its Congressional Charter, Constitution and By-Laws is limited to only U.S. citizens who have served honorably as officers or enlisted persons in the U.S. Armed Forces in any foreign war, insurrection or expedition recognized as campaign medal service. This service is governed by authorization of the issuance of a campaign badge by the U.S. government.

Merchant marine service does not meet the VFW membership requirement of "honorable campaign medal service" with the U.S. Armed Forces as set forth in the VFW's Congressional Charter, Constitution and By-Laws.

The VFW has opposed veterans' status for former WWII merchant mariners. Most recently at the 88th National Convention this was expressed in Resolution 725 that said "the term 'veteran' means a person who served in the military, naval or air service and has been discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable" and the organization will oppose efforts by groups or individuals to acquire the designation of veterans on the basis of service to the U.S. during war or armed conflict, "such service not having been rendered in the active military, naval or air service of the United States . . ."

Several VFW members have written in seeking clarification of the merchant marine status as prospective VFW members. Others have condemned granting the former merchant mariners veterans' status,

while some have supported it. Some VFW members served in the merchant marine and later went on to service with the U.S. Armed Forces.

According to the authoritative Encyclopedia of World War II:

"The U.S. War Shipping Administration took control of merchant marine operations in February, 1942. It absorbed 131 operators of U.S. flag ships, recruited and trained merchant seamen and dealt with the 22 maritime unions which represented many of the men who served aboard the famous Liberty and Victory ships.

"These ships took the brunt of the Axis submarine attacks on U.S. merchant shipping, especially in 1942-43. In addition to supplying Allied forces in Europe and the Pacific, the merchant marine also carried troops to North Africa, Normandy and the Pacific Islands.

"Of the 250,000 men who voluntarily served in the U.S. merchant marine in World War II, 5,638 died as the result of enemy action."

By comparison, however, two Army infantry divisions, the 3rd and 4th, sustained 4,922 and 4,097 killed in action, respectively, while eight suffered more than 3,000 dead. Overall, Marine Corps killed in action totaled 19,733 with another 4,778 listed as "other deaths." Strength of the Marine Corps was 699,100; two of its six divisions lost more than 3,000 dead. Of the Navy's nearly 4.2 million, 65,614 died from all causes.

POW Medal Ready

The Congressionally-authorized Prisoner of War Medal is ready for award to former POWs or their families, the Defense Department has announced.

To qualify, a veteran must have been taken prisoner during an armed conflict and have rendered honorable service during the period of captivity.

The medal may be awarded posthumously to legal next-of-kin, but

Defense Department officials said next-of-kin of missing in action for whom there is no evidence of POW captivity are not eligible.

Applications are available from the military services and in addition will be provided by the VFW Washington Office to VFW Department adjutants/quartermasters. A toll-free number, 1-800-873-3768, has been established to take requests for applications and provide information about the medal.

Former prisoners of war or their next-of-kin may apply for the medal by writing the military records center of the appropriate branch of service. Information to verify POW status and character of service during imprisonment should include full name, service number, Social Security number, VA claim number, date and place of birth, branch of service, unit when captured and dates of confinement and release as a POW.

Addresses to write to are:

Army: Army Reserve Personnel Center, Attn.: DARP-PAS-EAW, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63132-5200. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard: U.S. Navy Liaison Office, National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63132-5199. Air Force (includes former Army Air Corps): Air Force Reference Branch, National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63132-5199.

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The Last Friendly Face

It was early morning when Tom McCormick dropped me off at the aerial port at Travis Air Force Base. It was early in the morning when I arrived in Washington to return the favor.

By Tom Mangan

For the most part, we went to war alone. Nobody to see us off, we had said our good-byes at home before individually making our way to the West Coast.

Everyone waiting for that plane was in uniform, each face tense, each voice hushed, and all looked

tired. Many had spent the night on benches in the waiting area. The transient quarters on base were overcrowded with replacements following the Tet Offensive. Offbase, the motels were second-rate, and each one had to share a room with a stranger, but that was okay. Privacy was a scarce commodity, and everyone was willing to take what little he could get.

Thanks to Tom, I had spent a quiet evening with friends.

He and I had been classmates in navigator training at Mather AFB.

We didn't have much in common — he was from Southern California; I was from New York; he had a family; I didn't — but none of that mattered. Tom was one of those people who always found the common thread that makes a friendship.

When Undergraduate Navigator Training (UNT) class 67-19 graduated, we went our separate ways. Tom went to electronic warfare school and then on to Castle AFB for more training before being assigned to a B-52 crew at Travis. I went to navigator-bombardier school and

was assigned to an EB-66 outfit stationed in Takhli, Thailand.

A lot of us from that UNT class were headed for Southeast Asia. As our port calls started coming in, Tom spread the word that he and Caroline had an extra room and wanted each of us to spend the night with them. They thought there was no sense in our staying anywhere else. One by one, we passed through, used the guest room and went on our way.

Seeing an old buddy again is one of a soldier's few joys. On my last night before going to Thailand, we talked about old times and old friends. We ate real food around a real table. We watched television, and I played on the floor with Tom's infant son. More than anything else, I wasn't alone.

We were supposed to get together when I got back, but it did not work out like that. That summer, Tom was transferred to Fairchild AFB in Spokane.

On paper, going to the Strategic Air Command was a Stateside assignment. In reality SAC's B-52 and KC-135 crews were hardly ever home. As often as not, when they weren't pulling alert for seven days at a clip, they were in Southeast Asia.

Unlike the other aircraft in Vietnam, the B-52s and KC-135s weren't assigned to PACAF. Throughout the war, SAC maintained control of the aircraft and the crews who flew them. The crews were always assigned TDY, and always rotated home before they could accumulate the 180 consecutive days in the combat zone needed to qualify for a tour in Southeast Asia. Officially, they never showed up in the statistics because they were only supposed to be there on a short-term supplemental basis.

The system served two purposes. From a public relations standpoint,

it reduced the number of men officially in the combat zone, and from an operational standpoint, it enabled SAC to maintain its highly trained nuclear alert force while conducting bombing and refueling operations in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

For the crews, it meant six months in Southeast Asia, six months at home, year in and year out, over and over again. They got combat pay for those missions. But at any time they could get a permanent change of station and be sent to Vietnam for a full year's tour with no credit for the missions they had flown or the time they had served in combat.

In March, 1969, Tom's crew was deployed TDY to Anderson AFB in Guam, home of the 43rd Strategic Air Wing and the 72nd Strategic Air Wing (Provisional).

The missions out of Guam were exhausting 12-hour-long monsters. With a full load of bombs, the B-52s were so heavy they could barely make it off the ground. On hot days, it wasn't unusual for a plane to use every inch of the runway on takeoff roll, then skim low over the water before gaining altitude. Every sortie required inflight refueling prior to hitting the target, and many required another inflight refueling on the

way back to Guam.

Most of the missions were flown over suspected enemy troop concentrations in the south, but almost every day the B-52s bombed targets, such as those near the Mu Gia Pass on the border of North Vietnam and Laos that were heavily defended with SAM-2 missiles, early warning radar and other anti-aircraft defenses.

In Thailand, we were briefed daily

on how many planes had been lost, where they had gone down and the status of the crew. One after another, my friends and classmates showed up on that briefing board. Tom's name came up on May 10, 1969. His bomb-laden plane had crashed on takeoff from Anderson. Tom and the rest of the crew (Capt. Larry I. Broadhead, M/Sgt. Harold B. Deel, 1st Lt. Maurice E. Lundy, Capt. Russell L. Platt and Maj. James L. Sipes) were killed.

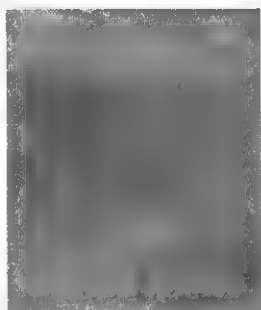
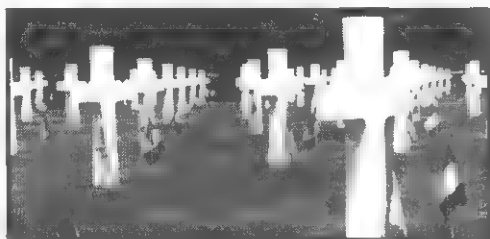
Like Tom, many of the men I knew who died in the war had been stationed outside Vietnam. Some had been on Guam, others in Okinawa, the Philippines or Thailand. When the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in 1982, I didn't know whether their names would be on the wall.

That Memorial Day, I saw two of their names on television during NBC's coverage of the dedication. Later I read Jan Scruggs's book, "To Heal A Nation," and found that all the names were on the wall, except Tom's.

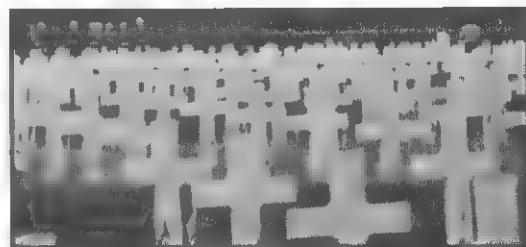
Four years after the formal dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the names of 95 men who had been killed on combat missions technically outside the war zone and of 13 men who had died of wounds received in Vietnam were added to the wall. Tom's was on the list. It was time for me to go to Washington.

On Memorial Day, 1986, I found Tom's name where it had been added to line 101 of panel 24W. It was brighter than the rest.

For some reason, I don't have a picture of Tom, and yet I was able to recognize his brother as he stood next to the wall. I met his wife again and his son, who now towered over me. After 18 years, I was finally able to say thanks. ■



TALE OF TWO CEMETERIES



By Joyce Phelps

SICILY-ROME

Feeling deeply indebted to the thousands of men who were killed in the operations that led to Rome's liberation in 1944, Americans and Italians meet every year in Nettuno to pay tribute. They don't want the memory of those who gave their lives to fade.

The special remembrance, held on Memorial Day at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery, usually attracts a thousand or more participants. Italian police and military troops, honor guards, color guards, the mayors of Anzio and Nettuno and the carabinieri (Italian police) band give colorful but solemn demonstrations.

Aging veterans stand close by holding banners and war medals. Flag and general officers from NATO and U.S. Forces in Southern Italy pay respects to their fellow Americans with speeches and a wreath-laying ceremony.

More than 7,860 American war dead and a thousand Britons are interred under white marble headstones. The names of the 3,094 missing are engraved on the white marble walls of the chapel on one end of the 77-acre cemetery.

The hour-long ceremony is a rever-

ent one, a somber one. This year it is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m., May 30.

"There's nothing about that ceremony that isn't solemn and fraught with meaning," said the U.S. Navy coordinator and announcer for the U.S. military participation. "It's very sobering. An emotion it brings to mind is 'This could have been me. This could be my son, my compatriot.' It serves as a reminder that peace is a fragile state."

Before World War II, Anzio was a small fishing port and resort town, not well known to foreigners but popular among wealthy Romans, who spent their leisure time on the long sandy beaches. The Tyrrhenian Sea on the west and the Laziali hills on the east provided a pleasant backdrop to those on holiday.

Next door, the small town of Nettuno, noted for its Castello Medievale San Gallo and medieval wall, was an equally popular bathing resort.

But vicious battles on the Anzio-Nettuno peninsula during World War II changed Anzio from a quiet coastal town into a symbol of the sacrifices of war.

The Allies had landed in Sicily on July 10, 1943, and defeated the

enemy in 38 days. The Italian government surrendered on Sept. 8. The next day the Allies landed at Salerno, south of Naples.

They were halted at the Garigliano River, so on Jan. 22, 1944, Allied forces landed on beaches at Nettuno and Anzio in hopes of setting up a beachhead above the Gustav Line, a system of German fortified positions that stretched across Italy and blocked approaches to Rome. The landing was to coincide with an Allied offensive being made inland on the Cassino front by Gen. Mark W. Clark's 5th Army.

Although the amphibious landing, opposed by some military leaders but advocated by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, caught the Germans by surprise at first. The German commander, Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, under orders from Hitler, was determined to drive the Allies back to the sea. He wasted no time cordoning off the beachhead with the scattered units he had in the area.

In his memoirs, Kesselring says he had suspected a possible landing from the sea after Cassino was hit, but his advisers told him they had seen no signs of a buildup in Naples,

the major nearby port.

So, Kesselring was caught off guard when the American and British forces, amid cheers from the Italians, set out from Naples Jan. 21, 1944, with 253 ships. The force included two LSTs that could carry heavy tanks and guns ashore to launch an immediate attack or stave off any counterattack.

The plan was to move over the Alban hills for an easy victory in Rome.

Gen. John P. Lucas, commander of the U.S. VI Corps of the 5th Army, was in charge of this Allied invasion, code named Operation Shingle. He was expecting an immediate counter-attack, so he held his men back for two days until reinforcements arrived. By this time the Germans had built up sufficient strength to pin their opponents to the beachhead.

Between late January and May, a see-saw battle turned Operation Shingle into one of the bloodiest campaigns of World War II.

Six German air raiders were able almost immediately to break through the screen protecting the fleet and

bomb one of the landing craft. The British destroyer Janus was sunk Jan. 23, killing the commander and 150 men. Later, the hospital ship St. David was hit.

An Allied attack involving specially trained Rangers ran afoul at a cost of hundreds of lives. Only six of the 767 Rangers sent on the raiding mission returned.

On Jan. 31, the Sherwood Foresters, soldiers from the Midlands of England, ran into trouble while trying to break the barrier that hemmed the Allies into the beachhead. Their losses were among the heaviest that any Allied battalion suffered in the four-month Anzio battle.

Italy's soggy coastal terrain and rugged hills were a big stumbling block for the infantrymen. Both sides suffered heavy casualties until the two Allied forces linked up on May 25. An Anglo-Franco-American offensive liberated Rome on June 4, 1944.

Italians and Americans have joined together in the Nettuno commemoration every year since the cemetery was inaugurated in 1953.

"It's a show of solidarity, of friend-

ship. It's a manifestation of their partnership with us," said the Navy coordinator.

Nettuno is about a 2½- to three-hour drive north of Naples, driving along the coast through the towns of Minturno, Formia, Gaeta, Terracina and Latina. From Rome, the drive takes about an hour.

On the cemetery grounds, a museum contains one bronze and four fresco maps of the invasion and explains the World War II military operations in Sicily and Italy.

Some of the stark grave markers are decorated with fresh flowers and potted plants.

"I saw an older woman putting flowers on a soldier's grave — it wasn't her son — a neighbor heard she was coming and asked her to do it," a Navy officer said. "I thought 'Each one of those graves — what a waste, what a tragedy. Why do armed conflicts have to settle international disputes?'"

Originally, 14,500 more Americans were buried there, but their remains were returned home. ■

By Donald C. Miller

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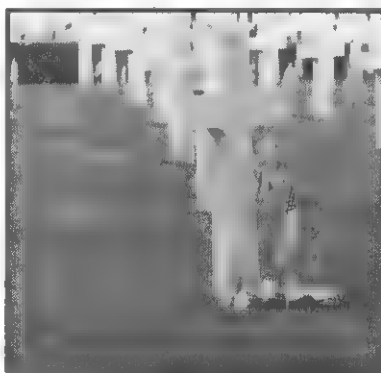
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In the rolling foothills of Cambridge-shire, England, every year in June men and women assigned to American bases, with the cooperation of American Battle Monuments Commission and many British organizations and individuals, come together for a memorial service to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice: their lives.

The service is dedicated to all the American soldiers and sailors who died while stationed in the United Kingdom during WWII. The Cambridge Cemetery's 30 acres of ground were donated by Cambridge University and work was begun in 1943. It is now under the American Battle Monuments Commission jurisdiction.

Madingley Memorial Cemetery, as it is called locally because it is on Madingley Road, is hidden from view by 6½ miles of hedge surrounding the entire cemetery. Once you walk into the cemetery the beauty and peacefulness take your breath away. Rising against the vibrant green coun-

tryside of England is a sea of 3,811 crosses and stars of David, each decorated with a small spray of flowers and U.S. and British flags. A



wall, 472 feet long, bears the names of 5,125 individuals missing in action, including those of Glenn Miller and Joseph Kennedy, elder brother of the late President.

I took my time strolling down the pathways and paid particular attention to the names and the states where these soldiers and sailors came from, many far from home for

the first time and never to return. More than soldiers and sailors are buried here. American Red Cross workers are included, but the graves that hit me hard were the ones that read, "Here Rests In Honored Glory A Comrade In Arms Known But To God." Many family members were visiting the gravesites. Many had travelled great distances to show loved ones where a grandfather, father or husband is laid to rest.

My heart went out to these small family groups, many visiting for the first time, and I heard weeping as the stories were told of what happened to their loved ones so far from home.

It was a cool gray afternoon on that June day. A slight mist was in the air, and it felt as if it would begin raining at any moment. The scene was moving, with all the people from many walks of life who came to pay their respects to those who gave their lives. Some of the groups rep-

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A VISION OF GREATNESS

“You have stood firm. You are an American hero the VFW is proud of.”

With those words, Commander-in-Chief Earl L. Stock introduced President Ronald Reagan at the General Session of the VFW's annual Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C., last March 7.

Moments before President Reagan was escorted to the podium in the massive Sheraton Washington ballroom, the Department and State winners of the Voice of Democracy contest were seated in the front row. They had met with him personally shortly before.

Noting that he had returned only recently from meetings in Brussels with other NATO leaders, President Reagan said, “I’d travel halfway around the world to meet with the VFW.”

Recalling the service to the nation VFW members have rendered, he said they “have defended America’s heritage and fought for the freedom, not only of our nation, but of peoples all over the world.

“Today as veterans you’re still defending freedom. Whether it is supporting adequate defense budgets or aid to the freedom fighters in Nicaragua . . . members of the VFW are still on the front lines, still leading the charge and still showing what true patriotism really means.”

President Reagan reaffirmed his dedication to the POW/MIA cause when he said:

“We have a moral bond as sacred as any a free people can make with one of their own to close no books, write no last chapters, reach no final conclusions until we have the fullest possible accounting of every soldier, airman, aviator, Marine and civilian lost in Laos, Cambodia or Vietnam.”

He also reminded his listeners that he supports creation of a Cabinet-level Department of Veterans Affairs.

Of NATO, President Reagan said that next year it will mark its 40th anniversary — “40 years of freedom and democracy in Western Europe and without armies clashing anywhere on the continent.”

He said Europe has known few longer periods of total peace since the fall of Rome more than 1,500 years ago. “When I hear about peace marchers in Europe or here, I think of our young men and women in uniform. They are the real peace marchers.”

Urging support for Senate ratification of the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty recently negotiated with the Soviet Union, President Reagan recalled the events leading up to the Soviet decision to begin treaty negotiations, including deployment in Europe of U.S. INF weapons.

“Now, I can’t think of any better demonstration of what you and I have been saying for years — that the road to peace is through American and Free World strength,” he said.

The treaty, he added, would not have been signed “if I didn’t believe we could effectively verify it.”

“If I trusted the Soviets, I wouldn’t have insisted on the strict verification provisions that we have in this treaty, the toughest that have ever been adopted,” he said. “Trust everybody, but cut the cards.”

Commander-in-Chief Earl L. Stock and Washington Office Executive Director Cooper T. Holt join with Rep. Bill Nichols (Ala.) before presenting him with the VFW Congressional Award for “outstanding service to the nation.”

President Reagan urges support for the INF Treaty and the Nicaraguan democratic resistance at the General Session of the Mid-Winter Conference in Washington.

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Wryly, he commented that the people who said deployment in Europe of Pershing IIs and ground-launched cruise missiles was provocative are now claiming credit for the INF Treaty. "Nuts," he said, quoting Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe's reply to the Nazi demand to surrender at Bastogne.

He added, however, that modernizing conventional and nuclear weapons in Europe and going forward with the Strategic Defense Initiative, which he called an insurance policy, are musts.

A major speaker at the General Session was Ladies Auxillary National President Joan Katkus, who presented the VFW with her group's \$70,000 contribution to VFW programs.

Negotiating priorities now are, he said, a 50% reduction in strategic arms, a conventional arms balance in Europe and an effective, verifiable and global ban on all chemical weapons.

On Central America, Reagan quoted Stock as writing members of Congress that "the real issue before Congress and the country is not the Contras; it is Communism in Central America."

Concluding, he took a swipe at Congress for failing to support the anti-Sandinista Freedom Fighters:

"Too many of the opponents of aid to the Freedom Fighters claim to be the heirs of Franklin Roosevelt, who told us, when the odds were stacked against us, that America had a rendezvous with destiny and then led us to the fight — and of Harry Truman — who helped Greece and Turkey stand up to Communism and led us into NATO . . .

"Courage hasn't exactly been the watchword of some opponents of

Contra aid. Harry Truman said 'the buck stops here,' but last week aid opponents tried to pass the buck of responsibility for abandoning in the field the young men and women of the democratic resistance. And that ploy failed, as it should have. Now it's time for Congress to show that it knows you can't have real peace negotiations when one side has helicopter gunships and the other has bandages. Recently Daniel Ortega said he is going to crush the Freedom Fighters and he has thrown out the peace mediator, Cardinal Obando y Bravo. You know where Ortega stands. Isn't it time for Congress to have the courage to show where it stands?"

At the General Session, State and Department Commanders were honored for membership gains made by the organization in recent weeks, placing its total at 13,323 ahead of the same period of last year.

Auxiliary National President Joan Katkus presented Commander-in-Chief Stock with a \$70,000 check representing the second half of the Auxiliary's pledged support for VFW programs.

Representing the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project, which seeks to add a statue of an American servicewoman to the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, Diane Carlson Evans urged those at the General Session to support S. 2042, introduced by Sen. David Durenberger (Minn.), and H.R. 3628, introduced by Rep. Sam Gejdenson (Conn.), to overcome opposition to the woman's monument expressed by Fine Arts Commission and the National Capital Planning Commission. (See From the Hill on page 10.) VFW representatives testified in favor of the proposed legislation before a Senate subcommittee last February. So far S.2042 has 58 co-sponsors, she said. The goal is 100.

The next day, Tuesday, March 8, Stock and most of the 2,000 or so VFW leaders from all States and Departments presented the VFW's legislative proposals to the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees. He emphasized what he saw as the need for a higher VA budget for the 1989 fiscal year and cancellation of an Administration proposal to eliminate employees in

medical care facilities and other VA programs. (The text of his remarks appears in Command Post, page 4.) His words won the firm support of the committees' members who were present.

In the evening, Rep. Bill Nichols (Ala.) was presented by Stock with the VFW Congressional Award for outstanding service to the nation. The award includes a \$1,000 check, which Stock announced Rep. Nichols requested be turned over to Auburn University. In addition, names of the top nine winners of Voice of Democracy scholarships were announced. The first place winner, Frederick W. Speer, a senior at the American High School in Zweibrücken, West Germany, read his essay. His first place prize was the \$16,000 T.C. Selman Scholarship. His text is on page 27.

These two events were the highlights of the annual Congressional Dinner at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, which attracted 2,000 persons, many of them members of the Senate and House.

Rep. Nichols, a member of the House Armed Services Committee and chairman of its investigations subcommittee, said he was accepting the award in behalf of the 241 Marines killed in the terrorist attack five years ago at the Beirut Airport.

"The investigations subcommittee conducted the inquiry," he recalled. "No one who took part in that investigation will ever forget it; the magnitude of the tragedy indelibly seared our consciousness."

That investigation, he continued, led to the enactment of the Nichols-Goldwater Act "that memorialized those Marines' deaths with the most far-reaching reform of the U.S. military establishment since World War II."

The subcommittee put the blame for the Beirut tragedy on the commander on the ground and his superiors in the chain of command right up to the U.S. European commander, he said.

"We held them responsible, but responsibility is only one side of the coin," he said. "The other side is authority to carry out a responsibility. Subsequent inquiries revealed that America's combatant commanders in the field, who would be re-

sponsible for our very survival as a nation if war should come, had limited authority to exercise genuine command—to organize their commands, train and employ forces as they saw fit and establish the chain of command to their subordinates. We held the European commander responsible in 1983. In 1986, Congress gave him and the other combat commanders the fullest measure of authority so they and their subordinates right down to the commander on the ground have the means to carry out their responsibilities."

In the Persian Gulf, Nichols said, "I am pleased to report that the new chain of command is working."

Nichols, a World War II 8th Division veteran and amputee and member of Post 4432 in Sylacauga, Ala., said his state has more than 400,000 veterans, and his office devotes much of its time to addressing their needs. Concerns of active duty service personnel in Alabama also are important.

Nichols added that he accepted the award "in deep appreciation and admiration and respect in which I hold this great organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which indeed is committed to serve the more than 2 million American veterans it represents, along with their widows and orphans."

He cited some examples of VFW assistance to Alabama veterans who won their cases for disability compensation before the VA Board of Veterans Appeals.

Rep. Nichols also praised the VFW for its assistance in the establishment of Alabama's first veterans' nursing home, which is in his Congressional district.

Noting the VFW's commitment to a strong national defense, Rep. Nichols said he views his prime responsibility in Congress "to keep this nation strong... America today is great because it continues to be strong..."

"As a member of the United States Congress, I am a firm believer that peace comes through strength and that it is the better course of wisdom to spend dollars for readiness than to risk American lives."

In closing he added:

"There are fewer and fewer combat veterans coming to Washington to serve in Congress. As I said earlier,

the major powers of the world have not been in direct conflict with one another for almost 50 years now, so we have not had an entire generation at war as was the case when many of us in this room were young men.

"However, I believe that of all the duties to which the VFW is responsive certainly one of those duties must be to impress upon the present generation, who have never worn the uniform nor smelled the smoke of battle, the basic ideals on which this nation was founded. So tonight,

COMMITTEES CONVENE

National defense and the VA 1989 budget were major concerns of two committees meeting at the annual VFW Mid-Winter Conference in Washington from March 4 to 8.

Other national committees met to discuss program growth up to the midpoint in the 1987-88 year and set goals for the balance of the 12-month period to assure success in their areas.

Alfonso Robelo, a leader in the anti-Sandinista Nicaraguan Democratic Resistance, appealed for United States help in overthrowing the Marxist-Leninist government of that Central American nation.

"We need the same pressure that we applied against Somoza, including military, political, economic and social support," Robelo said. "How can we go against Communism without full backing?"

Discussing the provisions of the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty, Ambassador John Woodworth, who represented the secretary of defense at the INF negotiations with the Soviets, said the treaty establishes a basis for future negotiations on arms control, has the support of U.S. allies and enhances overall U.S. security.

He added that the USSR would not have entered into treaty talks if the U.S. under President Reagan had not increased its defenses to the point where the U.S. was able to negotiate from a position of strength.

Gen. Arthur E. Brown, Army deputy chief of staff, said the Army is developing a tougher soldier, NCO and officer even though it is receiving

I salute our great organization — 2 million strong and growing — and would remind us all in the words of President Reagan:

"We must never forget that freedom is never really free; it is the most costly thing in the world. And that freedom is never paid for in a lump sum; installments come due with every generation. All any of us can do is to offer the generations that follow a chance for freedom."

a smaller portion of the Defense Department budget.

The committee adopted a resolution condemning Panama's strongman, Gen. Manuel Noriega, under indictment in Miami and Tampa for working with Colombian drug kingpins. The resolution also denounced him as an alleged collaborator of Cuba's Fidel Castro and the Soviet KGB.

The resolution also called for renegotiating the Panama Canal Treaty and reinforcing American troops in Panama in case hostilities against those there now should break out.

Two opposing views of the proposed 1989 fiscal year VA budget were expressed before the National Legislative Committee when Rep. G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery, who chairs the House Veterans Affairs' Committee, and VA Administrator Thomas K. Turnage spoke.

Montgomery said the \$30 billion budget is insufficient because it provides for no growth or allows for current services adjusted for inflation.

Turnage said the VA's 1989 budget proposal of \$865 million more than this year's would not be possible if the veterans did not have the support of Congress and the American people. (See Vet Views on page 31.)

Other committees that met during the conference were Safety, Voice of Democracy, Americanism, Community Activities, Buddy Poppy, Youth Activities, Civil Service and Employment, National Hospital, Life Member and POW/MIA.

'AMERICA'S LIBERTY: OUR HERITAGE'

Voice of Democracy First-place Essay

It is, and yet it is not. It is a glimmer of hope for mankind, and yet it is not unlike the Holy Grail — perfection, but somehow always just out of reach, except in America. It is a principle which is our birthright; yet it is an idea which has been contemplated through the millennia by men and women who have asked themselves: What is it? What is that sacred, but elusive, idea that we call liberty?

Is liberty a bell, like the famous bell of Philadelphia which, though cracked, still tolls the golden notes of freedom? If liberty were just a bell, then the Czar Kolokol bell outside the Kremlin in Moscow would also be a symbol of personal freedom. And since this bell in the Soviet Union weighs 193 tons, making it the largest bell on the face of the earth, we would expect it to produce far more liberty than our own special bell in Philadelphia. But from the rusty bronze throat of the Czar Kolokol bell do not flow the blessed melodies of liberty.

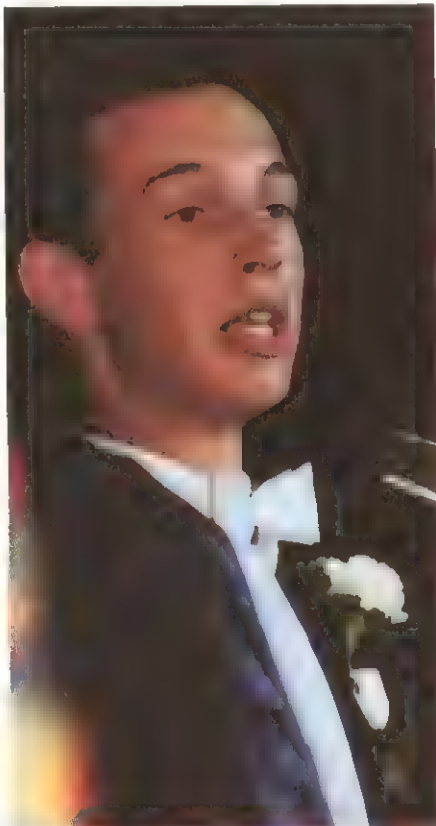
Is liberty, then, a statue, like that world-renowned statue of ours in New York harbor which holds aloft a glowing torch and gazes out at the tired, poor, teeming masses which long to immigrate to the great land of freedom? If liberty were just a statue, then the Brancusi statue in the Milepogany Museum of Art in Bucharest, Romania, would also be a symbol of that sacred idea contemplated by the great thinkers of the past. The Brancusi statue, like our own, is that of a woman standing, holding in her upraised hand a torch, but from this torch do not radiate the blessings of liberty.

Clearly, liberty is not merely a statue or a bell. But if it is not made of iron or marble, or fashioned out of any kind of inanimate matter, then why did it matter so much to Patrick Henry that he demanded death as its only alternative? The people of the present join those of the past in asking: What is liberty, besides just a word that sounds

BY FREDERICK W. SPEER

good with "and justice for all"?

Liberty is the precious heirloom of our heritage, bequeathed by our nation's courageous founding fathers to every man, woman, and child fortunate enough to be a United States citizen, to secure freedom and liberty as our birthrights; the brave soldiers of our Armed Forces have fought and toiled in the face of incredible resistance since the founding of our great nation over 210 years ago. They've helped keep liberty alive in America. All our citizens





Frederick Speer receives his \$16,000 Voice of Democracy first place T.C. Selman Scholarship from Commander-in-Chief Earl L. Stock at the Congressional Dinner. Later, he read his essay to the 2,000 at the event.

have kept our land a vestige of hope in a world where the freedoms of speech, press and religion are as rare as flawless diamonds.

America has made it her mission to see the day when all the world's people will enjoy the same inalienable rights guaranteed to us by the brave, brilliant men and women of our heritage. Thanks to them, America is the champion of liberty, a nation founded on that noble principle and dedicated to translating the ingenious philosophy of our Constitution directly into reality. Tilton said, "Liberty will not descend to a people: A people must raise themselves to liberty." How very true, and how very many times in our history

America has raised herself to this most priceless of all commodities.

However, simply recognizing the triumphs of our past is not enough. The fact that George Washington heroically crossed the Delaware, that Elizabeth Cady Stanton crusaded for women's rights, that Martin Luther King, Jr., peacefully rallied for racial equality — these deeds of vision and valor mean nothing if we of the present are content to coast along on the ever-waning momentum of the past. We face the perpetual responsibility of keeping liberty alive and well, if not through extraordinary or heroic feats, then through quiet, dedicated patriotism in everything we do. The young peo-

ple of today face this noble duty, along with the middle-aged and the elderly.

Indeed, all Americans share the same ultimate challenge: to insure that one day our Statue of Liberty will be joined by the Brancusi statue of Romania in radiating freedom to all who gaze upon their torches, to ensure that one day our Liberty Bell will be joined by the Czar Kolokol Bell of Moscow, and that all the world's other bells, from Belfast to Belgrade to Leningrad, will ring out in unison and toll the harmonious chorus of liberty, the precious heirloom of our heritage.

Speer was the first-place winner in the 41st annual Voice of Democracy essay contest. Sponsored by Post 9659 and its Ladies Auxiliary, of Ramstein, West Germany, he is a senior at the American High School in Zweibrücken. His prize is the \$16,000 T.C. Selman Scholarship.

Other winners were:

Lori Ann Martens, a senior at Gustine, Calif., High School, sponsored by 7635 and its Ladies Auxiliary, Gustine. Her second place award is a \$9,000 scholarship.

Patrick Brooks Jordan, a senior at Smithfield, N.C., High School sponsored by Post 5886 and its Ladies Auxiliary in Smithville. He won a third place \$6,000 scholarship.

Julie Ann Jackson, a senior at Oak Park High School in Kansas City,

Mo., sponsored by Post 5606 and its Ladies Auxiliary in Kansas City. Her fourth place award was a \$4,000 scholarship.

Scott O. Rowland, a senior at Evergreen, Colo., High School, sponsored by Post 8991 in Evergreen. His fifth place prize was the \$3,000 scholarship.

Dylan Townsend, a senior at Shorewood High School, Seattle, Wash., sponsored by Post 3348 and its Ladies Auxiliary, Seattle. His sixth place award was the \$1,000 Francis J. Tallman Scholarship.

Ziad W. Munson, a junior at East High School in Duluth, Minn., sponsored by Post 137 and its Ladies Auxiliary, Duluth. His seventh place award was the \$1,000 Joseph O. Hansen Scholarship.

Heather Janae Easterday, a Meade, Kans., High School senior, won the Robert J. Stock \$1,000 scholarship. She was sponsored by Post 3661 and its Ladies Auxiliary in Meade. This eighth place award was established last fall by Commander-in-Chief Earl L. Stock in honor of his brother who was killed during World War II.

Meliesa Hawley, a junior at Powder River High School, Broadus, Mont., sponsored by Post 1595 and its Ladies Auxiliary in Broadus. As ninth place winner, she is the first recipient of the newly-established \$1,000 Walter and Doris Marshall Scholarship. The late Walter Marshall was long active in the VOD program. His widow Doris still is.

VOD TOUR IS LIVING HISTORY

“Without a living past, we have only an inert present and a dead future.”

Of course when Carlos Fuentes uttered those words, he did not have the 53 Department winners of the VFW Voice of Democracy contest in mind, but his words could well be applied to their six-day trip to Washington, D.C., for the finals.

A highlight was their visit on Sunday, March 6, to the Washington Cathedral, also called the National Cathedral because of the major events of national significance held there. Officially, however, it is the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, visible for miles atop Mount St. Alban, the highest point in the nation's capital.

With their escorts, including Voice of Democracy Chairman Jack McIsaac and several chaperones, the high school students listened with rapt attention as their cathedral guide, Tripp Jones, described the spectacular edifice that has become a repository of part of the nation's heritage.

“It was George Washington's idea, presented to Congress, to build a great church to celebrate the nation's joys and sorrows,” Jones said. “Congress granted a charter in 1893 when Benjamin Harrison was President with three goals: religion, education and charity. In 1907, the foundation was laid.”

Jones said the cathedral is not yet finished. “Two more towers are rising, St. Peter and St. Paul, and there are windows to install,” he continued.

As Jones explained that the cathedral's Gothic style with its high, soaring arches “lift the people's eyes to heaven,” the students instinctively looked upward.

“Its purpose is to inspire and teach, and we learn from the pictures carved in stone, from the windows and from the cross-shape of the building itself,” he said.

To emphasize his point, Jones pointed to the massive west rose window high above them and told the students that its colors, changing at different times of the day,

represent the beginning of light in the universe in “God's act of creation.”

In addition to the religious themes that naturally pervade the cathedral, Jones singled out the many references to American history that add to the cathedral's uniqueness.

Near the entrance on the north side, Jones showed them the statue of Abraham Lincoln saying farewell to his fellow townspeople in Springfield, Ill., before leaving for Washington, never to return.

Above this is a stained glass window depicting in blue and gray a Civil War campfire and an arch bearing on the left a Union Army cap and opposite a Confederate cap. Below are 36 Lincoln pennies in the floor representing the states of the Union at the time of the Civil War.

On the south side is a statue of George Washington as he may have appeared entering Christ Church in Alexandria.

Jones described Lincoln as the nation's savior, and Washington as its founder, whose dream was the construction of the cathedral.

In addition, Jones recalled that

Robert E. Lee, honored with Stonewall Jackson in a stained glass window in another portion of the cathedral, surrendered on Palm Sunday, 1865, and Lincoln was assassinated on Good Friday, five days later.

Escorting the students to the south side of the cathedral where President Woodrow Wilson is buried, Jones explained the sheathed sword on the crypt symbolizes his hopes for peace through the League of Nations after World War I. The tomb also bears the seal of New Jersey, where he was governor, and Princeton University, of which he was president, as well as the U.S. Presidential seal. Small tiger heads atop the columns represent Princeton's mascot. Wilson is one of nearly 150 persons interred there.

Nearby is the Scientists and Technicians stained glass window dedicated to space flight and containing a tiny portion of a moon rock donated by former astronaut Michael Collins, a one-time student at St. Albans School on the cathedral grounds.

At the richly carved pulpit, Jones said Martin Luther King preached there on Palm Sunday, 1968, only to be killed three days later in Memphis. It was his last sermon.



VOD winners begin their visit to Christ Church, Alexandria, Va., where George Washington served as a vestryman and Robert E. Lee was confirmed.

**VOD winners study
tombstones in the Christ
Church yard dating from
the late 1700s.**



He led the students through several of the chapels, including the War Memorial Chapel, where, at the time of the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, the names of all the more than 57,000 Americans killed in the Vietnam War were read.

In nearby St. John's Chapel, Jones pointed out the statue and tomb of Norman Prince, founder of the WWI Lafayette Escadrille, flanked by the U.S. Flag and the French Tricolor. Highlighting the chapel are the 200 needlepoint kneelers on the chairs, each dedicated to a famous American and bearing a symbolic design. For example, the John F. Kennedy cushion has his famous words, "Ask What You Can Do for Your Country." Jones said to maintain objectivity, cathedral officials asked the Smithsonian Institution to submit the names of those to be honored. Each cushion was done by a woman volunteer, including the queen of England.

At the conclusion of the tour, Larry Gniotczynski, of VFW National Headquarters, presented Jones a VFW Certificate of Appreciation for acting as a guide for the past several years of Voice of Democracy Winners' tours.

In keeping with George Washington's idea of marking the nation's periods of joy and sorrow, the cathedral was the scene of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower's funeral, a memorial service for the late former President Harry S. Truman, dedication of its nave on July 4, 1976, the Bicentennial of the Declaration of Independence, services for the hostages in Iran and the funeral

of Gen. Omar N. Bradley.

The tour to the cathedral came the day after the winners visited Christ Church in Alexandria, Saturday, March 5, founded in 1773, and where George Washington served as a vestryman and Robert E. Lee was confirmed. A large pew in the church is preserved, for it was Washington's. It also bears two markers commemorating the National Day of Prayer in 1942 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill sat in Washington's pew to pray for victory.

Following their visit to the church, the winners toured the churchyard where many early members of the congregation are buried and where Union troops camped during the Civil War.

As the bus drove on to Mount Vernon, the guide pointed to several landmarks relating to Gen. Lee, the school he attended and the house he lived in as a child.

One portion of a street they passed was paved with cobblestones on Washington's orders by Hessian prisoners.

Touring the home of George and Martha Washington, the VOD winners were struck by what they thought was the relative smallness of Mount Vernon, compared with its pictures that make it appear much larger.

At the tomb of Washington, Jason D. Reichelt, the VOD winner from Oregon, and Dana Jones, the Arizona winner, laid wreaths at the graves of the First President and First Lady.

Returning to Washington that

afternoon, the VOD winners went to the Smithsonian to view exhibitions that particularly interested each one.

That evening, the winners had dinner at Gadsby's Tavern in Alexandria, made famous as the scene of Washington's farewell to his fellow Virginians when he left for his first inauguration in New York. As a private citizen, Washington often took his ease at Gadsby's.

Following the Washington Cathedral tour, they visited the Iwo Jima Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, where Deanna Dascomb, of New York, and Marty McKinzie, of Texas, laid the traditional wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The winners also witnessed the changing of the guard ceremony at the Tomb by the 3rd Infantry and toured the Memorial Amphitheater. They also visited the graves of John F. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy, both cut down by assassins' bullets.

Monday, March 7, was another full day. They toured the Capitol, posed for pictures on the steps, saw money being printed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and toured the National Archives where the Declaration of Independence is on exhibit. They also visited the Washington Monument and joined many other tourists in admiring the simple beauty of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial with the names of Americans killed in Southeast Asia.

So after soaking up the many examples of the living history in the nation's capital, 53 winners of VOD contests in home areas began planning how they as citizens will help shape the future. ■

VA Improving Image

VA Administrator Thomas K. Turnage March 24 marked his second anniversary in the post to which President Reagan appointed him by making his first visit to the National Headquarters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Kansas City.

Since Adjutant Gen. Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr., was in Minnesota for a VFW membership roundup, Turnage was met at the entrance of National Headquarters by Assistant Adjutant Gen. Edward L. Burnham and taken on a tour of the nerve center of the more than 2 million-member organization.

Turnage visited with program directors who explained to him the variety of activities the VFW offers its members and enable it to improve the communities where its 10,000 Posts are located and to assist young people in each of them become productive citizens.

He also visited the James E. Van Zandt Museum where he viewed military uniforms of an earlier era, pictures of Past Commanders-in-Chief and other memorabilia, much of it donated by VFW members.

Quartermaster Gen. Herbert Irwin explained various insurance programs and the organization's sound financial condition.

In a brief interview at National Headquarters, Turnage said he established a strategic plan for the VA that would take a period of time to accomplish but would streamline the operations and thereby enable the agency to serve veterans more effectively.

This involves employing the latest in electronic technology, he said.

"All of this is within the scope of our technical ability and creates better conditions," he said. "For the first time we can see how our programs are working and determine the precise regimen of care in each hospital."

Since he has been administrator, Turnage said, technological advances have been made in electronic



Assistant Adjutant Gen. Burnham points out VFW's Congressional Charter to visiting VA Administrator Turnage while touring the James E. Van Zandt Museum.

data processing, and closer relations have been achieved between central management and offices in the field.

"Also we have made a priority effort to improve the VA's image among its 240,000 employees and the American public at large," he said.

This all seems to be paying off for the VA because, as Turnage pointed out, recently 12 VA career senior executive service managers were chosen by President Reagan for the 1987 Distinguished and Meritorious Awards.

"The Office of Personnel Management has called the VA the top agency in the government," Turnage said, because it needs fewer supervisors per thousand than any other.

Over the past two years, Turnage said, "we have been able to achieve adequate funding for the VA consistent with Congressional standards."

The \$27.9 billion VA budget for 1989 has been approved by oversight and review committees, Turnage

said, and is a good one. (VFW criticism of the proposed budget by the Commander-in-Chief is in Command Post, beginning on page 4.)

A major VA concern now is establishing the VA as a Cabinet-level department, but Turnage said he expects it to be passed by the Senate.

"The House approved it 399-17; the President has endorsed it, and Sen. John Glenn's Governmental Affairs Committee has had two hearings on it, and a third one was scheduled for March 28," Turnage said.

Turnage cautioned, however, that the addition of a rider calling for judicial review of VA decisions denying compensation claims could ultimately lead to a Presidential veto if the bill is passed by the Senate.

Otherwise, as it stands now, Turnage sees only minor technical details to be ironed out, such as how many VA positions would come from the agency's management and how many would be appointed. "The cost," he said, "would be minimal." ■

Skin Cancer Is Treatable

By Paul Martin

Sixty-four-year-old Jack Richardson is president of a large advertising firm in Chicago. Jack and his wife live in a pleasant home in suburban Oak Park. Their children, two boys and a girl, are married and live in other states.

A combat infantryman in the South Pacific in World War II, Jack keeps in superb physical condition. Golf, tennis, swimming and jogging have kept his weight down and his stamina up. "I only weigh ten pounds more than when I came home from the South Pacific," said Jack. "I work in a high-stress business and follow a diet that helps me deal with it. I'm careful to get sufficient rest and relax as much as possible."

Four years ago Jack noticed that a mole near the right side of his nose was changing color. The mole had been there for years, and he had never paid too much attention to it. However, now he saw a difference in its appearance.

"I went to my family physician," Jack said, "and when he took a look at it he immediately sent me to Dr. George Engel, a dermatologist in Oak Park. He said Dr. Engel had extensive experience in diagnosing and treating skin cancer, and the mole looked suspicious."

Dr. Engel is one of four Chicago-area dermatologists qualified to perform Mohs skin-cancer surgery. This is a special technique developed by Dr. Frederick Mohs, of the University of Wisconsin. In this method the physician removes the tumor in serial stages and makes a microscopic inspection of the tissue at each stage of the operation. With this approach the surgeon can be sure of removing all the malignancy while retaining as much healthy tissue as possible. This is particularly important with facial tumors.

A brigade surgeon with the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam, Dr. Engel served in Vietnam from 1969 to 1971. He witnessed firsthand just about every kind of injury and medi-

cal problem during those years. He trained with Dr. Mohs after returning from Vietnam and opened his own practice in dermatology in Oak Park in 1974.

"Jack's tumor was a basal-cell carcinoma," said Dr. Engel, "a type that shows little danger of spreading. Along with removing all of the tumor, we wanted to avoid scarring. This is why in this kind of case, I would choose the Mohs technique. Using the Mohs method, we remove very thin layers of skin, bisect or quarter them, and then mark them with various colors of dye. A map is made of the removed tissue, and using the



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colors, the physician can pinpoint the exact location of any residual tumor when each subsequent specimen is viewed under the microscope."

"In Jack's case, the tumor-involved area was pie-shaped, and we cut it into four quadrants," Dr. Engel said. "Each quadrant was marked with red and blue dye and processed by the frozen section technique. We can stain and section a piece of tissue in approximately ten minutes. In Jack's case we found residual tumor in segment one. So we went back to the tumor site and removed an additional layer of skin, but only from segment one."

"It's been four years without a

recurrence," said Jack. "Today I have no cancer and only a very small scar to remind me that once I did."

This year 450,000 Americans will develop skin cancer, and between 7,000 and 8,000 will die from the disease. Skin cancer is one of the few malignancies increasing in incidence. Only lung cancer is increasing faster. Predictions are that the total number of skin cancer cases will reach one million annually by the 2010 as people's leisure time and mobility increase exposure to the sun's damaging rays. Fortunately, skin cancer is readily curable.

Cancer occurs when cell growth becomes uncontrolled and masses of them accumulate and form tumors. These growths may be either benign or malignant. Benign tumors may occur in many organs and often appear on the skin. While they are of no significant danger, they may be confused with a cancer or vice versa. It is crucial to diagnose the growth accurately.

A biopsy is critical wherever there is any question in diagnosis. In a biopsy a piece of the growth is submitted for microscopic examination.

A cancer or malignant tumor invades and destroys tissue locally. It can also spread through the bloodstream or the lymph system to distant areas of the body where new cancer cells can then grow. Fortunately, most skin cancers do not spread via the blood or lymph systems.

There are three distinct types of skin cancers:

Basal-cell carcinoma; squamous-cell carcinoma, and malignant melanoma.

"The first two are far more common than the more aggressive and more dangerous melanoma," said Dr. Engel. "Although they may be found in any location on the body, they most often appear on sun-exposed areas such as the scalp,

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face, arms and hands. The edges of the ear are also favorite spots. One saving factor in skin cancer is that the individual knows something is there. You can feel a bump or you see a sore. A pimple that does not heal, or that heals only to open again, should arouse your suspicion and send you for a professional diagnosis. Any spot that was flat and is now raised or was pale and is now darker should also be checked.

"Basal-cell and squamous-cell cancers have little tendency to enter the blood and lymph systems and are therefore readily cured if recognized early. While melanoma is much more likely to spread through these systems, if treated early, it can be cured, too."

Basal-cell cancer exhibits a number of varying types ranging from a superficial variety of low-grade malignancy to an aggressive, invasive type. In between these two extremes are several others that exhibit varying degrees of aggressiveness.

Squamous-cell cancers, on the other hand, are recognized by grades varying from a least malignant grade one to a most aggressive and malignant grade four.

Malignant melanoma exhibits three basic types distinguished by appearance and history. More important than type in melanoma is the level to which the tumor has penetrated within the skin. Significant studies have provided data which can predict survival based on this level of penetration. These figures, however, are no absolute criteria since each person is unique.

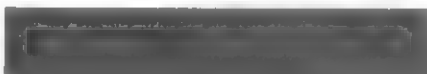
"Exposure to the sun is a leading cause of skin cancer," said Dr. Engel, "and the damage is cumulative. Sun worshippers who pursue that golden tan in their youth often pay the price in later years. Repeated contact with certain chemicals is another cause. Twenty to 30 years ago, X-ray was a popular method of treating acne vulgaris, and today we're seeing skin cancer resulting from that."

"I was a sun worshipper, but no

more," said Mary, a 44-year-old school teacher in Raleigh, N.C. Mary sported a lovely tan most of the year. "I had a tumor removed from my left eyelid six months ago, and the doctor recited some statistics on the link between sun and skin cancer. That did it for me."

Today, more children are suffering from skin cancer. Leading doctors say you're never too young to protect your skin from dangerous sun rays. Even infants should wear hats and sunscreens to shield their skin.

"Skin cancer is rare in children, but we're seeing more and more cases in younger and younger chil-



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ren," said Dr. Sidney Hurwitz of Yale University.

National Cancer Institute studies show a rise in skin cancer among the young. Today, a person has a 1-in-150 chance of suffering malignant melanoma. By the year 2000, the odds will shrink to 1-in-100 if the present trend continues.

Noting the cumulative effect of sun rays, Dr. Henry Wiley, of Tampa, Fla., observed that skin cancer may not show up for as long as 20 years after exposure. "If you really want to keep from getting to that point," said Dr. Wiley, "some kind of program should be established early in life."

Skin cancer is far more common among persons living in the Sun Belt states of Florida, Georgia, California, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico.

Skin pigmentation and ethnic origin also are important factors in a

person's susceptibility to skin tumors. Those of fair skin and Scandinavian ancestry seem to have the highest incidence of skin cancer. Persons with dark complexions who are of African origin seem to have very little problem with this disorder. It is evident that melanin (pigment) is an asset in reducing susceptibility to this condition.

"And," Dr. Engel cautioned, "all of you sun worshippers can reduce your chances of developing skin cancer by using a sunscreen which allows slow tanning but filters most of the damaging rays. Use it regularly on your face, arms and hands. Also, wearing broad-brimmed hats and lightweight clothing during the summer will help your chances of retaining a healthy skin."

The newer sunscreens are graded for their effectiveness from a low of four to the highest of 15. These numbers are called SPF's (sun protective factors). Four offers little protection, while 15 is almost a complete block. These products are available in non-greasy, non-drying lotions easily applied and have no odor. Sun before 10 a.m. and after 3 p.m. when ultraviolet rays are weakest. Also, don't feel safe on a cloudy day or even under water.

Be aware of the ABCD rule of danger signals of melanoma. The signs are: A) Asymmetry; B) Border irregularity; C) Color, and D) Diameter greater than 6 millimeters. If you notice any of these signs, go immediately to a physician skilled in diagnosing skin cancer because early detection is critical.

"The key with skin cancer, as in any other form of cancer," says Dr. Engel, "is early detection and thorough removal. Follow-up examinations at regular intervals for at least five years are essential in treating this disease and are an integral part of any management program. If recognized early, most skin cancers can be treated conservatively with minimal tissue loss and with a complete return to normal living." ■

resented the 8th Air Force, the 92nd, 401st, 96th, 394th, 100th and the 457th Bombardment Groups and the 361st and the 20th Fighter Groups. There were many more military organizations, both American and British. Acting as escorts for the day were local ROTC groups from American high schools in England. There they were learning a lesson in patriotism, the cost of freedoms and the love of country that text books can't teach.

Many were veterans. Perhaps they had fought alongside some of the soldiers and sailors buried there. Many veterans wore their medals proudly. One could almost see their anguish and pain.

The memorial service began with the invocation from American and British clergy. One of the most moving moments of the entire memorial service came when the combined chapel choirs of RAF Mildenhall and Lakenheath (both American bases) began to sing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." I had never heard it sung before with such feeling. It was moving to hear it echoing over the English countryside, and I am sure it brought many a tear to the eyes of those present. It seemed indeed that the choir was singing to the soldiers and sailors who were laid to rest there, it was almost as if the dead knew, and could hear the tribute being played to them. Since then I can't help but think of the experience that so many of us shared at the cemetery whenever I hear that hymn composed by Julia Ward Howe shortly after the outbreak of the Civil War.

Many wreaths were laid that day around the huge flagpole overlooking Cambridge Cemetery by squadrons active during WWII and several still active today. From the British were many dignitaries with titles the length of one's arm. Charles Price, U.S. ambassador to the Court of St. James's was there, too, of course. It's a tradition that the people show up not because they have to, but because they want to. One and all, they made each person welcome.

After the presentations were made there was a moment of silence followed by Taps, which pierced the air like a cold wet wind on a chill day. The final salute to our friends and fellow countrymen, loved ones all, was a fly by, but this one was different. The "Sally B," a B-17 Flying Fortress, the workhorse of the Army Air Corps during WWII, flew over at treetop level. I felt as if I were back on that hillside during WWII. It

was a strange feeling and seemed to last for an eternity, but actually it was just a brief moment. I know it left a lasting impression on all who witnessed the scene.

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VFW Never Too Busy to Help

Young and old, or in between, the VFW, wherever it has Posts, can be counted on to help or recognize them in many ways, as these pictures show.



Jim Halter, a charter member of Post 3371, Wichita, Kans., and a WWI veteran, and his wife Mable will celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary on May 27. He is 96 and Mrs. Halter is 92.



A WWI Navy yeoman, Gertrude Danby, center, receives a U.S. Flag for the nursing home where she lives. The flag and an Ohio state flag, not shown, were the gifts of Post and Auxiliary 8218, Napoleon, Ohio. With her are Post and Auxiliary officers and members and home officials.



Ralph Fisher, a member of Post 3297, Delaware, Ohio, was the subject of a feature in the Delaware Gazette recalling WWI. He will be 92 in May and is anxious to contact comrades from the 324th Field Artillery, 83rd Division.



VA Administrator Thomas K. Turnage becomes a Life Member of the VFW. With him are Jr. Vice Commander G.P. (Jerry) Miserandino, of the District of Columbia Department, and Commander Michael W. Riordan, of Post 1830. By becoming a Life Member, he helped the Post receive its perpetual charter.



Chaplain Joe Sullivan and Commander Frank Gavin, of Post 613, Quincy, Mass., present a \$5,000 check to Marie Strazzula for Step 1, the southshore's mental health program designed as an early intervention service. Marie is the daughter of Sandy Slavek, chairperson of Step 1's parent-teacher council.

Voluntary Member Benefits: What They Mean to You

At one time or another, most of you have received information regarding the array of VFW-sponsored member benefits.

Three of the more popular benefits available to VFW members in good standing are the \$2,500 no-cost-to-the-member Personal Accident Plan, the Prescription Drug & Vitamin Program and the VFW Travel Service.

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of the membership.

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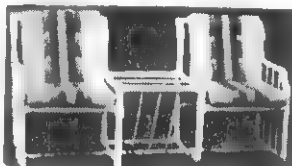
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From these resolutions, the newly-elected Commander-in-Chief, working with VFW committees after the Convention, will select priority goals that will receive intense attention during the 1988-89 year.

Under the VFW's rotational system, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Larry W. Rivers, representing the Southern Conference, is expected to be elected to succeed Commander-in-Chief Earl L. Stock, of the Eastern Conference. In all likelihood, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Wally Hogan, from the Big Ten (Midwest), will be elected to the office now held by Rivers.

Thus, much interest will surround the selection of a candidate for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief from the Western Conference.

At the annual Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, the National Council of Administration voted to hold the 1992 National Convention in Indianapolis, the 1993 National Convention in Houston and the 1994 National Convention in Kansas City, site of the VFW National Headquarters.

These cities were presented to the Council by National Chief of Staff Paul E. Wampler, Jr., and agreed upon by the National Time and Place Committee.

Chairman Charles Kinney, of the Awards and Citations Committee, told the Council that the committee had recommended President Ronald Reagan as recipient of the Eisenhower Distinguished Service Award.

He added, however, that, if Reagan

would not be able to attend the Distinguished Guests Banquet on the evening of Aug. 22 that the award be presented to retired Army Gen. John W. Vessey, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who recently acted as Presidential emissary in negotiations with the Vietnamese in attempting to resolve the POW/MIA issue. Kinney said Gen. Vessey would be acceptable in his own right.

The Council agreed and endorsed the committee's recommendation.

Others to be honored, as presented by Kinney and approved by the Council, were: Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Americanism Award; Lt. Gen. Colin L. Powell, President Reagan's National Security adviser, Armed Forces Award; Rep. Henry Hyde (Ill.), Van Zandt Citizenship Award; Charles Kuralt, CBS newsman and 1950s regional Voice of Democracy winner, News Media Award; and Dick Howser, the late manager of the Kansas City Royals, Hall of Fame Award posthumously.

National Convention Director Omar Kendall advises that if any VFW member is aware of any color guard, drill team or marching unit, the person to be notified is J. Robert Brady, who chairs the National Marching Units and Parade Committee. His address is 319 Tadmar Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15237. Site of these contests on Aug. 22 will be Grant Park South. ■

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Post 7900, Kansas City, Mo.; Robert Whaley, Post 4043, Liberty, Mo.; Billie A. Floyd, Post 5606, Kansas City, Mo.; James A. Burns, Post 2280, Bellevue, Neb.; Lucian Esposito, Post 4237, Youngstown, Ohio; Ralph J. Eswein, Post 2754, West View, Pa.; Valentino C. Medina, Post 2397, Corpus Christi, Texas; Francis Coughlin, Post 5046, Orlando, Fla.; Dean Summers, Post 9284, Elk Grove, Ill.; Bryan P. O'Brien, Post 2394, Melrose, Mass.; Albert J. Sturtz, Post 3485, Doniphan, Mo.; Herbert D. Cornell, Post 3421, Omaha, Neb.; John C. Coogle, Post 8334, Millard, Neb.; Maurice L. Hale, Post 989, Bartlesville, Okla.; Michael G. Pitts, Post 1503, Dale City, Va.; Michael Rock, Post 943, Ash-tabula, Ohio; Tony Darnell, Post 4780, Milan, Tenn.;

Ralph J. Raby, Post 9337, Gastonia, N.C.; James Frierson, Jr., Post 4262, Columbia, S.C.; Sanford Rosenthal, Post 3586, Salt Lake City, Utah, and A. J. Prater, Post 6975, Bristol, Va.

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2	3579	Park Ridge, IL	2741	92	1590	Daytona Beach, FL	1276
3	5555	Richfield, MN	2711	93	7175	Millington, TN	1274
4	628	Sioux Falls, SD	2616	94	4372	Odessa, TX	1268
5	1146	St. Clair Shores, MI	2513	95	137	Duluth, MN	1267
6	49	Mobile, AL	2279	95	788	Cedar Rapids, IA	1267
7	1308	Atton, IL	2240	97	1990	Greeneville, TN	1266
8	6506	Rosedale, MD	2205	98	1536	Sayre, PA	1262
9	1273	Rapid City, SD	2175	99	305	Eau Claire, WI	1260
10	360	Mishawaka, IN	2163	100	1639	Willmar, MN	1249
11	1296	Bloomington, MN	2141	100	5206	Hendersonville, NC	1249
12	131	Lincoln, NE	2125	100	6894	Dundalk, MD	1249
13	47	Uniontown, PA	2120	103	1115	Hillsville, VA	1244
14	1064	Huntington, WV	1995	104	2346	Saugus, MA	1234
15	2539	Gulfport, MS	1950	105	1848	Jackson, TN	1233
16	401	Albuquerque, NM	1936	106	1216	Austin, TX	1232
17	5263	Fort Sill, OK	1903	107	1863	Solon, OH	1225
18	3382	Kingsport, TN	1896	108	1120	Indianapolis, IN	1224
19	969	Tacoma, WA	1886	109	639	Malden, MA	1222
20	2290	Manville, NJ	1840	110	9186	San Antonio, TX	1218
21	283	Kingston, PA	1809	111	4051	Colorado Springs, CO	1214
22	1275	Lima, OH	1773	112	9972	Sierra Vista, AZ	1206
23	249	Butler, PA	1761	113	2148	Waco, TX	1205
24	379	Yakima, WA	1723	114	4075	Frankfort, KY	1201
25	4057	Tupelo, MS	1720	115	1271	Central Falls, RI	1187
26	2503	Omaha, NE	1719	116	8919	El Paso, TX	1179
27	6704	Mechanicsburg, PA	1712	117	6240	Russell, KS	1178
28	1079	Elyria, OH	1698	118	589	Hazleton, PA	1177
29	1599	Chambersburg, PA	1697	119	1435	Spokane, WA	1175
30	549	Tucson, AZ	1694	120	3376	Ephrata, PA	1174
31	112	Wichita, KS	1681	121	1154	Lafayette, IN	1167
32	6640	Metairie, LA	1670	122	7686	Alamogordo, NM	1161
33	1	Denver, CO	1640	123	3074	Lexington, NC	1159
34	641	Columbia, SC	1635	123	3982	Santa Clara, CA	1159
35	6975	Bristol, VA	1632	125	7069	Clarks Summit, PA	1156
36	2704	South Omaha, NE	1627	126	6827	St. Petersburg, FL	1150
37	367	Joliet, IL	1625	127	1693	New Albany, IN	1137
38	8541	San Antonio, TX	1593	128	5108	Marion, OH	1133
39	1989	Indiana, PA	1587	129	2093	Orlando, FL	1119
40	1650	Topeka, KS	1584	130	2640	Wallington, NJ	1116
41	9619	Morningside, MD	1570	131	425	Hopkins, MN	1114
42	1736	Alexandria, LA	1554	132	2743	Norwalk, OH	1110
43	2100	Everett, WA	1543	133	696	Owensboro, KY	1104
44	7119	Indianapolis, IN	1532	134	755	Springfield, IL	1102
45	10209	Spring Hill, FL	1505	135	1475	Amarillo, TX	1101
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47	9223	Arlington, CA	1498	137	1720	Grand Rapids, MN	1097
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54	7330	Oakville, CT	1468	144	1383	Klamath Falls, OR	1065
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57	2940	W. Seneca, NY	1452	147	943	Ashtabula, OH	1058
58	2529	Sandusky, OH	1449	148	2785	Albany, GA	1055
59	2702	Huntsville, AL	1448	149	5065	Sheridan, MI	1053
60	6251	Cheektowaga, NY	1448	149	2130	Lake Charles, LA	1053
61	1432	Salina, KS	1441	151	6712	Revere, MA	1050
62	972	Terre Haute, IN	1436	152	3368	Mid. Peasant, PA	1049
63	1621	Janesville, WI	1435	153	1212	Parkersburg, WV	1048
64	1810	Brentwood, PA	1426	154	4699	Sayreville, NJ	1046
65	668	Birmingham, AL	1425	155	2562	Silver Spring, MD	1040
66	447	Albert Lea, MN	1417	156	1069	Fairfield, OH	1039
67	6874	Lemon Grove, CA	1407	157	1386	Kingston, NY	1037
68	1003	Jefferson City, MO	1403	158	2496	Alpena, MI	1036
69	1000	Independence, MO	1401	159	1087	Great Falls, MT	1028
70	295	S. St. Paul, MN	1401	159	155	Johnstown, PA	1028
71	9400	Sunnyslope, AZ	1371	161	5220	Oak Lawn, IL	1025
72	5225	W. Memphis, AR	1360	162	3233	Sarasota, FL	1023
73	733	Mason City, IA	1359	163	4256	Madera Beach, FL	1021
74	428	Saint Cloud, MN	1353	164	167	Charlottesville, PA	1020
75	832	S. Portland, ME	1337	164	2947	Fremont, OH	1020
76	2199	Joliet, IL	1327	166	3892	Harker Heights, TX	1018
77	23	Lebanon, PA	1322	166	3784	Baton Rouge, LA	1018
78	1865	Kenosha, WI	1317	168	701	Lansing, MI	1017
79	4809	Norfolk, VA	1317	169	673	Jasper, IN	1015
80	1857	Oklahoma City, OK	1314	170	9625	Coon Rapids, MN	1013
81	3790	Logansport, IN	1312	170	2057	Rocky Mount, NC	1013
82	501	Denver, CO	1306	170	2867	Garfield, NJ	1013
83	3838	Cape Girardeau, MO	1300	170	6800	Somerville, MA	1013
84	4903	Tucson, AZ	1294	174	3023	Grand Rapids, MI	1012
85	53	Jamestown, NY	1293	175	3553	Chester, IL	1008
86	2012	Abilene, TX	1291	176	9927	Kettering, OH	1003
87	9083	Baltimore, MD	1289	177	1936	Hagerstown, MD	1002
88	4848	Chattanooga, TN	1288	177	191	Canonsburg, PA	1002
89	762	Fargo, ND	1287	177	10017	Ashland, KY	1002
90	1326	Bismarck, ND	1279				

GENERAL ORDERS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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1987-88 Series General Orders No. 7

1. The following appointments are hereby announced: NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMITTEE Members Jack A. Mack, Post 3586, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Othar Smith, Post 2413, El Dorado, Ark. NATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE Member, Dr. Norris Calaway, Post 5225, West Memphis, Ark. NATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE Member: Julian Brisendine, Post 5290, Conyers, Ga. NATIONAL SAFETY COMMITTEE Member: Robert A. Jones, Post 1829, Kansas City, Mo. NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE Member: Robert J. Quinn, Post 792, Montpelier, Vt. NATIONAL DEPUTY CHIEFS OF STAFF Boniface Felthoelter, Post 2864, Grinnell, Kans.; Charles Shoemaker, Post 58, Leavenworth, Kans.; Bruce E. Hudson, Post 1650, Topeka, Kans.; Harry C. Stater, Post 7253, Derby, Kans.; Alfred Walters, Post 9076, Hays, Kans.; A. Lynn Hall, Post 6240, Russell, Kans.; Merle Morrison, Post 1910, Staples, Minn.; Bernie Melter, Post 4452, Cannon Falls, Minn.; John L. Buck, Post 4811, Yorkville, Ohio, and Fred Ladue, Post 792, Montpelier, Vt. ASSISTANT INSPECTORS GENERAL: Dan Bartholomew, Post 3144, Minneapolis, Minn.; Sherman Shaffer, Post 1066, Barberton, Ohio; Lowell Brewer, Post 3809, Middletown, Ohio, and Joe Provost, Post 782, Burlington, Vt. NATIONAL AIDE DE-CAMP: MEDAL OF HONOR CLASS Max Thompson, Post 6198, Canton, N.C.

2. Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election and installation of Post Officers. Post Election Report forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete and return the forms to Department and National Headquarters immediately following the election of Post Officers.

3. Section 222 of the National By-Laws provides that Posts shall elect delegates and alternates to County Council at the same time the annual election of Post Officers is held. Posts are entitled to two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates for the first fifty (50) members or fraction thereof; and one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each additional fifty (50) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of election.

Delegates and alternates to District Conventions shall be elected at a regular Post meeting held not less than (30) days prior to the District Convention at which District Officers are to be elected; one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election or as the Department By-Laws may provide. Delegates and alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election or as the Department By-Laws may provide.

4. Section 317 of the Manual of Procedure provides that elective County Council Officers shall be nominated, elected and installed at the first meeting after April 30. Said officers will not assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed. County Council officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed in accordance with Section 316 of the National By-Laws.

5. Pursuant to Section 405 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District Convention for the purpose of electing District officers, such Convention to be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention. District officers shall not assume the duties of their office until the Department Commander is installed. District Officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly

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- reviewed in accordance with Section 414 of the National By-Laws
- The sale of VFW Buddy Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in Section 711 of the National Constitution and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. Department, District, County Council and Post Commanders should arrange now for the sale of Buddy Poppies in their respective areas. All profits accruing from the sale of Buddy Poppies shall be used for the relief of disabled and needy veterans and their dependents.
 - Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees, Form P-113. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ends March 31st.
 - Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222 of the National By-Laws which provides that each Post shall register, in advance, at least one delegate to the National Convention by the payment of a fee in the amount of \$6.00. Advance registration for the 88th National Convention in the amount of \$6.00 for each delegate should be mailed, with each delegate's name and address to: Quartermaster General, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States National Headquarters, Broadway at 34th, Kansas City, Missouri 64111.
 - National Ritual Competition will be held at the 88th National Convention in Chicago providing any Department makes application to J. Robert Brady, Chairman, National Band and Drum Corps Committee by July 15, 1988, with due notification that its Department-sponsored ritual team plans to enter National competition.
 - The locations of the following Posts have been changed: Post 387 from Lakewood to Cleveland, Ohio, and Post 7229 from Oak Hill to Greenville, New York.
 - A Certificate of Charter evidencing consolidation has been issued to the following Posts: Posts 6798 and 4510 consolidated as Post 6798, Seguin, Texas, and Posts 9904 and 8477 consolidated as Post 9904, Greentown, Ohio.
 - Charters for the following Posts have been authorized: Post 873, Big Rapids, Mich.; Post 1246, Geneseo, N.Y.; Post 2509, Palmer, Alaska; Post 4622, Van, Texas; Post 6024, Mission Viejo, Calif.; Post 6526, Los Alamitos, Calif.; Post 6879, Santa Ana, Calif.; Post 8923, Brooklyn, Mich.; Post 6965, Uby, Mich.; Post 7053, Essexville, Mich.; Post 7078, Grayling, Mich.; Post 7507, Fountain Hills, Ariz.; Post 8224, Alloway, N.J.; Post 8264, Gouldtown, N.J.; Post 8285, Piedmont, S.C.; Post 8326, Powderville, S.C.; Post 8405, Ridgeland, S.C.; Post 8481, Southport, Ind.; Post 8531, Lacon, Ill.; Post 8632, Mira Loma, Calif.; Post 8642, Oxnard, Calif.; Post 9108, Baldwin, Miss.; Post 9122, Magee, Miss.; Post 10000, Hiddenite, N.C.; Post 10083, Salyersville, Ky.; Post 10103, Kingsburg, Calif.; Post 10107, Castroville, Calif.; Post 10110, Aptos, Calif.; Post 10114, Hanford, Calif.; Post 10115, Buechel, Ky.; Post 10125, Rancho Cordova, Calif.; Post 10126, Lady Lake, Fla.; Post 10135, Brownsville, Calif.; Post 10147, Altamonte Springs, Fla.; and Post 10165, Cameron Park, Calif.

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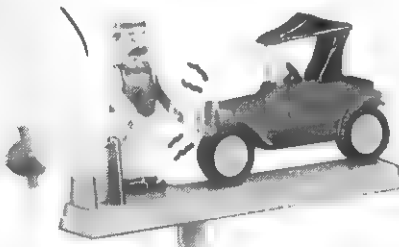
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4th Airdrome Sqdn (So Pac, WWII)—Sept, Savannah GA—Richard Lingler, 905 E Jefferson, Effingham IL 62401
54th Ftr Sqdn—Sept, Ft Myers—Doug Stewart, 5751 Reims Pl, Ft Myers FL 33919
6th Comb Cargo Sqdn/5th Trp Carr Grp—Daniel Salkiewicz, 3343 Lexington Ave, Lorain OH 44055
6th Foxhole (WWII)—Oct, Norman OK—George Dickson, 525 N 16th E, Riverton WY 82501
15th Air Depot Grp Repair Sqdn—Sept, Eureka Springs—Leo Jezerski, 20 E Pleasant St, Lawrence MA 01841
17th Air Depot Grp—Sept, Oklahoma City—Seward Hutcheson, 1126 NW 58th, Oklahoma City OK 73118
19th Bomb Assn—Sept, St Louis—James Kiracofe, 274 Quinn Rd, West Alexandria OH 45381
19th Supply Sqdn, 19th ADG (WWII)—Sept, Indianapolis—Robert Calvert, 127 Parker Ave, Elkhart IN 46516
20th AF—Aug, Anaheim—John Mysterly, 1400 S Sunkist St, #88, Anaheim CA 92806
20th Depot Supply Sqdn—Sept, Dayton—Howard Poeppelmeier, 928 Westminster Pl, Dayton OH 45419
26th F8, 51st F8 (China Blitzers)—July, Las Vegas—Joseph Santa, 24331 Olivera Dr, Mission Viejo CA 92691
30th MR&R Sqdn—Oct, Alger OH—Glenn Corder, 415 E Smith, McAlester OK 74501
33d Air Depot Grp—Sept, Dayton—Herbert Cooper, 643 Reynosa Ct, Berea OH 44017
34th Bomb Grp, 8th AF—Vernon Ames, 70 Greenfield Dr, Tonawanda NY 14150
39th Ftr Sqdn—Sept, Orlando—Nelson Thompson, 9170 E 8th St, Tucson AZ 85710
43d Bomb Grp—Oct, Dayton—Lloyd Boren, 102 Beechwood, Universal City TX 78148
44th BG/BW/SWW—May, Riverside CA—William Topping, 1426 Vadera Ct, Fenton MO 63026
145th Air Depot Grp—Sept, Dayton—Charles Guemelata, 119 Angler Blvd, Bellevue OH 44811
46th Svc Grp, HQ & HQ Sqdn & Svc Sqdns—Sept, Montpelier OH—Selwyn Clark, RR 3, Montpelier OH 43543
62d Trp Carr Sqdn (Poix, France—1945)—Albert Kopras, 515 Center Ave, Steubenville OH 43952
63d Trp Carr Sqdn/403d TC Grp (WWII)—Oct, Dayton—Aron Tobiska, 31 S Holland St, Lakewood CO 80226
66th Trp Carr Sqdn—Sept, Kansas City MO—George McGee, 8200 Elm, Raytown MO 64138
75th Air Depot Wing Assn—Oct, Reno—Hal River, 1801 State St, Hood River OH 97031
81st Sqdn (WWII)—Sept, St Louis—T W Bonecutter, 620 Randolph St, Wilmington OH 45177
84th Airdrome Sqdn (So Pac, WWII)—Sept, Windsor CT—J E Fairchild, 22 Sorrento Rd, Wallingford CT 06492
93d Bomb Grp (WWII)—Edmond Telczan, R 1, Box 1912, Baldwin MI 49304
97th Bomb Wing (1946-58)—Sept, Colorado Springs—C T Griffith, 1619 Babcock Lane, Colorado Springs CO 80915
111th Tac Recon Sqdn—Oct, San Antonio—William Humble, 211 Trudell Dr, San Antonio TX 78213
304th Ftr Sqdn, 337th Gp (Pinellas AFB, WWII)—Sept, Long Beach—Charles Aikman, 1415 Nabors Lane, Odessa TX 79761
306th Bomb Grp, 8th AF (1942-45)—Oct, Las Vegas—Edward Hennessy, 2013 Plaza del Padre, Las Vegas NV 89102
307th Air Refueling Sqdn—Aug, Mt Clemens MI—Art Balke, 29394 Cotton Rd, Mt Clemens MI 48045

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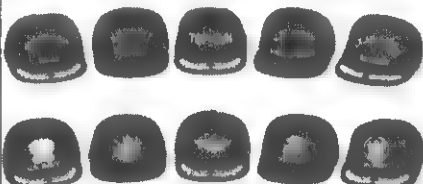
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14772

310th/311th/312th Ferrying Sqdn (WWII)—Oct, Har-
lingen TX—Paul Shorts, 1903 22nd St, Lake Charles
LA 70601

312th Depot Repair Sqdn—J B Monzella, 765 Belwood
Cir, Fairfield AL 35064

315th Ftr Sqdn/324th Ftr Grp—Eugene Orlandi, 311
3rd St, East Northport NY 11731

319th Bomb Grp—Aug, Seattle—Robert Cowan, 5207
SW 10th Ave, Cape Coral FL 33914

325th Ftr Grp (WWII—Checkertails)—June, Colorado
Springs—Dan Penrod, 69 Keswick Ave, Pittsburgh
PA 15202

339th Ftr Grp, 8th AF (WWII)—Aug, King of Prussia
PA—Chet Malarz, 2405 Kings Point Dr, Atlanta GA
30338

339th Ftr Sqdn (WWII—Johnson Field, Japan)—Oct,
New Bern NC—Richard Cowles, 745 Harrison, Beld-
ing MI 48809

342d Ftr Sqdn—Sept, Big Sky MT—Jim Svaren, 426 W
7th St, Hardin MT 59034

345th Bomb Grp—Sept, Norfolk—Sandy Cortesio,
906 Drake, Centerville IA 52544

376th Heavy Bomb Grp—Sept, Colorado Springs—
Bob James, 204 Summit Dr, Kenton OH 43325

395th Sig Co Avn—Sept, Norristown PA—Robert
Miller, 347 Knoll Rd, Norristown PA 19401

401st Bomb Grp—Sept, Dearborn MI—Ralph Trout,
POB 22044, Tampa FL 33622

405th Ftr Grp (WWII)—Sept, St Louis MO—R G Nolte,
9326 Sturbridge, San Antonio TX 78250

409th Bomb Grp—Nov, San Antonio—Al Sherrell, 104
Windmill, San Antonio TX 78231

440th Trp Carrier Grp, 97th Trp Carrier Sqdn—Kermit
Shannon, 111 Harriston St, Taft CA 93268

**447th Sub Dep, 351st Bomb Grp, 8th 110 (Polebrook
Eng, WWII)**—Sept, St Augustine FL—Frederick Lar-
sen, POB 1, Yalaha FL 32797

449th/452nd Bomb Sqdn & 322d Bomb Grp—Oct, Shreve-
port—B E Forrest, 3213 Oakbrook Dr, Del City OK
73115

450th Bomb Grp (H) (WWII)—Sept, Newton MA—Ray
Malley, POB 252, Foxboro MA 02035

451st Bomb Sqdn, 322nd Bomb Grp—Sept, San Diego—
James Crumbliss, 2014 Shady Grove Dr, Bossier City
LA 71112

456th Bomb Grp (WWII)—Sept, Honolulu—Jim Wai-
kins, 11415 Minor Dr, Kansas City MO 64114

461st Air Svc Sqdn—Oct, Nashville—Robert Mercel,
159 Trionfo Ave, North Port FL 34287

461st/484th Bomb Grps (WWII)—Sept, Burlingame
CA—Bud Markel, 1122 Ysabel St, Redondo Beach
CA 90277

464th Bomb Grp (WWII)—Oct, Orlando—H R Ander-
son, 4321 Miller Ave, Erie PA 16509

494th Bomb Sqdn, 48th Ftr Bomb Grp—Lloyd Peterson,
PO Box 167, Casey IA 50048

558th Bomb Sqdn, 367th Bomb Grp (M)—Oct, Winter
Haven FL—Lovell Turner, Rte 3, Box 84, Lawrence-
ville IL 62439

782d Bomb Sqdn—Sept, San Antonio—Wm Bruce,
1683 Eggert Rd, Buffalo NY 14226

801st/482d Bomb Grp (H)—Sept, Las Vegas—William
Becker, 6228 Camino Del Rincon, San Diego CA
92120

830th Avn Engr Bn—Sept, Madison—Thomas Fritter,
1649 Lake View Ave, Madison WI 53704

842d Engr Avn Bn (WWII)—Aug, Moundsville WV—
Carl Horvath, 314 - 2nd St, Glen Dale WV 26038

2077th QM Trk Co—Sept, Donnellson IA—Herbert
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**3912th AB Sqdn (RAF Sta-Wyton, Huntingdonshire, Eng-
-1950-53)**—July, Boston—Bill Parkhurst, POB 2881,
Tulsa OK 74101

AACS Airways & Air Comm Svc—Oct, Santa Maria
CA—Cal Venable, 4131 Oakwood Rd, Lompoc CA
93436

Avn Cadet Class 43-G (Williams Field AZ)—July—
Chuck Schumacker, 6205 Lancelot Ave, Prescott
Valley AZ 86314

Avn Cadet Pilot Class 43-G (Brooks Field TX)—Sept,
Las Vegas—Louis Rhoads, 1221 Terrace Tr, Hurst
TX 76053

CTD Columbia MO (1943)—Lewis Bilotto, 22288 Corning
Rd, Corning CA 96021

Pilot Class 43-J (Fort Stockton TX)—Sept, Fort Stock-
ton TX—R Murray, 11803 Nene Dr, Austin TX 78750

Sherman Field 3d Staff Sqdn (Fort Leavenworth KS)—
Sept, Leavenworth KS—Roscoe Swenson, 2053 High-
land, Salina KS 67401

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8th AAF European Prisoners of War—Oct, Clearwater
FL—Fred Derolf, 808 Tusawilla St, Clearwater FL
34616

295th Jasco—Sept, Lancaster PA—Clayton Thomas,
418 W King St, Lancaster PA 17603

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American Military Retirees Assn—Oct, Long Island—
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AAF/USAF Crash Boat Assn—Sept, Orlando—John
Hagan, 6749 Sandwater Trail, Pmelas Park FL
34665

50th Anniversary, Camp Guernsey (from 1938)—June—
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Guadalcanal Campaign—Aug, Norfolk—WB Lindner,
325 E Farmington Rd, Virginia Beach VA 23454

Korean War Vets—Sept, Colorado Springs—Ells-
worth Nelsen, 812 Orion Lane, Colorado Springs CO
80906

McCloskey Gen Hosp Amputees (Temple, Texas—WWII)—
Aug, Louisville—Orville Martin, 2510 Hayward Rd,
Louisville KY 40242

North Coast Vietnam Vets Coalition—Aug Cleveland
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Terminal Tower, Cleveland OH 44113

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Hoffman, 253 Alliston Rd, Springfield PA 19064

USS Coral Sea CVA43—Oct, Fort Lauderdale—Sal
Avellino, 45-11 Arcadia Lane, Great Neck NY 11020

USS Santa Fe CL60—Sept, New Orleans—Robert
Holden, 11608 Melcombe Ct, Woodbridge VA 22192

ARMY

1st Div, 18th Rgt, Co C—Sept, Red Lodge MT—Joe
Porcarelli, Box 1123, Red Lodge MT 59068

1st Cav Div, 27, Co A—Andy Metrande, 26 Holt Rd,
Hyde Park NY 12538

1st CA Fort Sherman, Panama CZ (1934-41)—Sept,
Lexington KY—D M Cooper, POB 142, Glen Dale WV
26038

1st Armd Div Assn—Aug—Bill Beasley, PO Box 5675
Anderson SC 29623

**2d Inf, 2d Battle Grp & 24th Inf Div, 28th Inf, 2d Battle
Grp**—Robert Johnson, 24 Whipple St, Somerville MA
02144

2d Inf Div, 9th Inf, 2d Plat, Co I—Edward Hawkins,
5197 Meadow Ave, Portage IN 46368

3d Ord Med Mat Co (WWII)—Sept, Vero Beach FL—
Francis Cannon, POB 650214, Vero Beach FL 32965

3d Inf, Co M—Sept, Bloomington MN—Kenneth Jack-
son, 1430 Charles Ave, St Paul MN 55104

3d Armd Div, Maint Bn, Co B—Laurence Braun, Rte 2,
Box 13, Rosholt SD 57260

3d Cav Grp, 3d & 43d Recon Sqdns—Sept, Milwaukee—
Bill Wagenknecht, 5800 W Vienna, Milwaukee WI
53216

3d Ord Co (MM) (WWII)—Sept, Vero Beach FL—
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5th Army Avn Trng Ctr, HQ—Sept, Marion IL—Bob
Hudson, RR 2, Box 629, Carbondale IL 62901

5th Med Bn—Sept, Frankenthuth MI—Raymond
Carlson, 1137 Kay Pkwy, Ann Arbor MI 48103

**5th Sta Hosp Med Det (1946-47—Johnson Army Air-
base)**—John Stasz, 11530 Ave H, Chicago IL 60617

6th Inf Div, 1st Inf, 2d Bn, HQ Co—Oct, Morro Bay
CA—Rena Battles, 502 Pinon, Morro Bay CA 93442

7th Convolescent Hosp—Sept, St Louis—WE English,
922 South Meramec, St Louis MO 63105

7th FA Rgt—Sept, Burlington VT—M S Bronisz, 104
Carman Rd, Manchester CT 06040

8th Inf Div, 8th MP Co (3/56-1/58)—Harold Hillier,
10185 Churchman, Camarillo CA 93010

8th Armd Div Assn—July, San Antonio—Eighth Armd
Div Assn, Room 1215, 180 N LaSalle St, Chicago IL
60601

8th Cav Recon Trp (WWII)—Sept, Harpers Ferry WV—
Warren Collis, Rte 3, Box 39, Kearneysville WV
25430

8th Div, 13th Inf Rgt, Co L—Oct, Myrtle Beach SC—Bob
Moore, POB 67, Rockingham NC 28379

8th Inf Div Band (WWII)—Sept, Seattle—Warrend
Fredrick, 3514 Saddleback Lane, Lutz FL 33549

9th Armd Div, 4th Tank Bn, Co B—Aug, Nashville—
Edward Zuk, 22777 Otter Rd, New Boston MI 48164

9th Div, 39th Inf, Co F (WWII)—Sept, Burleson TX—
Raymond Hanks, POB 9, McRae AR 72102

9th Armd Div, 9th Armd Engr Bn—Oct, Branson MO—
Larry Schuler, Rte 2, Box 348, Galena MO 64556

10th Armd Div—Sept, Hartford CT—R A Sayre, 334
Hawthorne Rd, Charleston WV 25302

10th Div, 88th Inf, Co I—Oct, Nashville—Cletus Thiel, Rte 2, Box 112, Edgerton OH 43517
 14th Inf Rgt (1951-52, Korea)—Sept, South Bend IN—Rogel Brown, 242 W Gladstone St, Wabash IN 46992
 18th Cav, Trp F, Co E (WWII)—Sept, Nashville—Thor Carlson, 134 89th Ave, Treasure Island FL 33706
 17th Abn Div Assn—Aug, St Paul—Edward Siergiej, 62 Forty Acre Mountain Rd, Danbury CT 06811
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 17th Sta Hosp—Oct, Clearwater FL—Jean Rogers, 6468 17th Terr No, St Petersburg FL 33710
 18th & 1st FA—Sept, Ft Sill OK—Sherile Wyrick, 1805 Arlington, Lawton OK 73507
 19th Tank Bn—Oct, Gulfport MS—Sherwood Bailey, 4646 West Beach Blvd, Biloxi MS 39531
 20th Arm Div, 27th Tank Bn, Co C—Sept, Kansas City MO—Don Patterson, 5119 W 25th, Topeka KS 66614
 20th, 1340th & 1171st Comb Engr (WWII)—Aug, Toledo—George Rankin, 17631 N 42nd Lane, Glendale AZ 85308
 22d Gen Hosp—Sept, Niagara Falls—Richard Reid, 52 Gardenwood Lane, Buffalo NY 14223
 24th Inf Div, 19th Rgt, Co D (1948-50 Korea-Japan)—Donald Jablonski, 7630 Hazelcrest Dr, Hazelwood MO 63042
 24th Inf Div, 5th RCT, 555th FA Bn, 8th Tank Bn—Sept, Savannah GA—Kenwood Ross, 120 Maple St, Springfield MA 01103 2278
 25th Inf Div, 3/4 Cav, B Trp, 1st Plat—William Callahan, Rte 2, Box 508, Easton MD 21601
 25th Sig Bn (Sep) Tac—Sept, Springfield IL—H A Turner, POB 2, Blue Ridge Summit PA 17214-0919
 27th Comb Engr Bn (WWII)—Sept, Levittown PA—William Simon, 4501 New Falls Rd, Levittown PA 19056
 27th Div Assn—Sept, Kiamasha Lake NY—Geo Criscione, Rte 2, Box 224, Petersburg NY 12138
 27th Div, 108th Inf, HQ Co—Aug, Fremont NE—Carl Eman, POB 535, Oxford NE 68067
 28th Div, 118th Inf, Co M—July—W D Rowell, Rte 2, Box 75, Emporia VA 23847
 31st Div, 124th Inf, Co B (WWII)—Oct, Winter Haven FL—Alfred Cerniglia, 501 Hiawatha Ave, Inverness FL 32652
 32nd Gen Hosp (WWII)—Oct, Springfield IL—Don Huntley, POB 685, Elk City OK 73648
 32d Div, 632d TD Bn, Co C—Aug, Pittsburgh—Bart Shakaran, 307 Twin Hills Dr, Pittsburgh PA 15216
 35th Div, 320th Inf, Co H—Sept, Topeka KS—Gerald Hopkins, N2924 Hwy 22, Waupaca WI 54981
 37th Engr Comb Bn—July, Indianapolis—Virgle Strahl, 370 Meridian Rd, Greenfield IN 46140
 37th Div, 129th Inf, 1st Bn, Co L—Aug, Monroe City MO—Russell Smith, Rte 3, Box 48A, Monroe City MO 63456
 37th Div Vets (FL Chap)—Nov, Tampa—Denver Martin, 525 Joe St, Belmar Acres, Zephyrhills FL 34248
 37th Div Vets Assn—Sept, Columbus OH—Headquarters, 37th Div Vets Assn, 65 S Front St, Room 707, Columbus OH 43215
 38th Div, 151st Inf, Cannon Co—May, Gassville AR—Don Hiron, POB 222, Gassville AR 72635
 38th Sig Hvy Const Bn (WWII)—Sept, Evansville IN—Ray Adams, 5211 Stratford Rd, Evansville IN 47710
 39th CE, HQ Plat, Co B (Vietnam, Jan 1966-67)—Ron Metz, 6965 McCartney Rd, Lovellville OH 44436
 40th CE—Sept, LaCrosse WI—George Weiler, 1753 Tamarack St, South Milwaukee WI 53172
 40th Div, 223d Rgt (Korea, 1950-54)—July, Platte City MO—Kenneth Holt, 979 Tarrson Blvd, Lady Lake FL 32659
 41st Inf Div, 183 Inf, HQ Co—Joe Glenn, Box 13, Clyde KS 66938
 42d Inf Div (Rainbow—WWII)—July, Denver—Richard Bayles, 2741 S Garfield St, Denver CO 80210
 43d Engr Vets—Sept, Kansas City MO—Robert Pine, 1149 Marsh Ave, Ellsville MO 63011
 43d Inf Div—Sept, Rutland VT—Henry Farmer, 74 Bartlett's Bay Rd, South Burlington VT 05403
 44th Div Sig, Co C—Nov, Pigeon Forge TN—Harold Franz, 419 N Ash St, Dresher OH 43516
 45th Cav Recon Trp (WWII)—Oct, Orlando—Paul Hughes, 4111 Avon NW, Albuquerque NM 87107
 48th Sig Hvy Cons Bn (WWII)—Aug, Lynchburg VA—Leonard Wise, 4505 Hargrove Rd, Temple Hills MD 20748
 52d Med Bn (WWII)—Oct, Corning NY—William Smith, 75 Willett St, Albany NY 12210
 54th Sig Bn—Ernest Quinn, Rte 4, Box 845, Kensington GA 30707
 55th FA Bn (WWII)—Sept, Denver PA—Philip Noto, 1305 Mitman Rd, Easton PA 18042
 55th Gen Hosp—July, Toledo—Pat Van Etten, 316 Michigan St, Suite 510, Toledo OH 43624
 56th CA—Aug—Ralph Dotson, 1909 Clement St, Cresthill IL 60435
 60th Gen Hosp (WWII)—Sept, Santa Fe NM—Joe Roseberry, 386 Linda Mel St, Marion OH 43302

62d AAA, Btry C (WWII)—Oct, Lake George NY—E F Snyder, 1 Cooper, Greenwich NY 12834
 65th Inf Div—Aug, Louisville—Fred Cassata, 123 Dorchester Rd, Buffalo NY 14213
 66th Sig Bn, Co B—July, Detroit—Robert Ralph, 42720 Sheldon, Unit 144, Mt Clemens MI 48044
 67th AAA Gun Bn, Btry C—Oct, Wilkes-Barre PA—George Leo, 824 S Main St, Wilkes-Barre PA 18702
 67th Arm Div, Co D—Oct, Columbus OH—Leo Cautillo, 8900 Gale Rd, Pontiac MI 48054
 68th QM Ref Co—Sept, Ft Worth—E M Rosenthal, 3950 Sarita Park, #11, Ft Worth TX 76109
 69th Inf Div—Aug—Lexington KY—Clarence Marshall, 101 Stephen St, New Kensington PA 15068
 70th Gen Hosp—Sept, St Louis MO—Winifred Jeep, 336 Hazel Ave, Webster Groves MO 63119
 71st Inf Rgt, Co M (WWII)—Oct, Charleston—Peter Walters, 1050 Yeamans Hall Rd, Hanahan SC 29406
 74th CA (AA)/886th AW Bn, Btrys C & D—R E Lee, 131 N Almond St, Orange VA 22960
 76th Inf Div Assn—Sept, Chicago—E C Cutler, Rte 2 Jackson Ave, New Windsor NY 12550
 78th Div, 311th FA Bn, Btry A (WWII)—June, McMinville TN—M B Hillis, Rte 9, Box 7, McMinville TN 37110
 79th Ord Bn (Vietnam 1965-68)—George Echols, Box 1477, Van Alstyne TX 75095
 81st Inf (Wildcat Div)—Oct, New Orleans—Warren Montz, 805 Main St, Laplace LA 70068
 85th Div, Sig Co (WWII)—Sept, Minneapolis—Bill Fosdick, 2885 Jewel Lane, Plymouth MN 55447
 88th Inf Div, Sig Co—Oct, South Bend IN—W D Christner, 1006 Beechwood Dr, Nappanee IN 46550
 87th Inf Div (WWI & WWII)—Sept, Baltimore—Gladwin Pascuzzo, 2374 N Dundee Ct, Highland MI 48031
 89th Cav Recon Sqdn—Sept, Valley Forge—W A Bauer, 2831 Gaywinds Ct, Nashville TN 37214
 90th Bomb Bn (H) (Jolly Rogers)—Oct, Reno—Tom Keyworth, 38 Crestlyn Dr E, York PA 17402
 93d AAA Gun Bn, Btry A—Sept, Port Arthur TX—Leo Dionne, 2483 62nd St, Port Arthur TX 77640
 93d AAA Gun Bn, Btry D (WWII)—Oct, San Antonio—James Wischkaemper, 410 Teakwood, Victoria TX 77901
 94th Div, 302d Inf, Co L—Oct, Henryville PA—Charles Misner, 216 Bombay Ave, Westerville OH 43081
 94th Sig Bn—Sept, Statesville NC—Howard Donbar, 795 Winterberry Pl, Mansfield OH 44905
 95th Med Bn—Aug, Indianapolis—Walter Gantz, 829 Palm St, Scranton PA 18505
 97th Div, 303d Inf, Co D—June, Denver—Clem Schlosser, Rte 1, Meadowood Apt 2, Darwin MN 55324
 97th Div, 398th FA, Btry C—Oct, Nashville IN—Paul Cearing, Rte 3, Box 437E, Nashville IN 47448
 100th Chem Mortar Bn, Co B—Aug, Burlington VT—Jerry Zuzzo, 215 Shore Dr, Highlands NJ 07732
 100th Div, 397th Inf, Co M—Aug, South Bend—Art Wendel, 3705 W Bingham Hill Rd, Ft Collins CO 80521
 101st Avn Bn, Co B (Vietnam)—Joe Kline, 6420 Hastings Pl, Gilroy CA 95020
 101st Avn Div (Airmobile), 158th Avn Bn, Co C (RVN)—J. Ft Worth—Jack Glennon, 3700 Filmore, Virginia Beach VA 23452
 101st MP Bn (WWII)—Sept, Niagara Falls—Thomas Farley, 26 Kingston Ave, Hicksville NY 11801
 102d Med Bn, 27th Div Inf—Sept, Cleveland—V M Thiele, 7355 McLellan Dr, Walton Hills OH 44146
 104th Engr Comb Bn—Aug, Seattle—Stanley Sagen, 2205 Weston St, La Crosse WI 54601
 111th Inf Rgt, Cannon Co—Jack Durst, 401 N Elizabeth St, Lyons GA 30436
 112th Evac Hosp (WWII, ETO)—Oct, Camden AL—Frank Philippi, Rte 1, Box 186, Camden AL 36726
 113th AAA Gun Bn (WWII)—Sept, Chicago—Donald Roberts, RR 1, Box 222, Richville MN 56576
 122d Sig Radio Intel Co—Sept, Madison WI—John Wickliff, 1108 Oak Blvd, Greenfield IN 46140
 124th Cav Assn—Oct, Brownsville—Robert Blankenship, 7711 Morley, Houston TX 77061
 127th AAA Gun Bn—Sept, Green Bay—Joe Lankford, 30 Chapel Lane, Bella Vista AR 72714
 130th Chem Pro Co (Jan-June 1945)/68th Chem Co (July-Oct 1945)—George Tirro, 20 Martin St, Revere MA 02151
 132d Engr Com Bn—Sept, Danville IL—Howard Rice, 210 Ave A, Danville IL 61832
 137th Ord Co (HNFA) (ETO)—Oct, Aberdeen MD—Ben Heaton, 221 Evelyn St, Marietta GA 30060
 152d Inf, 2d Bn, HQ Co—Sept, Anderson IN—Clarence Fowler, 3789 Maple Lane, Muncie IN 47302
 178th Engr Comb Bn (WWII)—Sept, Gatlinburg TN—Tom Boyce, 605 Huntington Ct, Franklin TN 37064
 193d FA Bn—Sept, Bushkill PA—John Remes, 1238 Nolen Rd, Roslyn PA 19001
 198th CA Assn—Sept, Wilmington—Joseph Bernardo, POB 5145, Wilmington DE 19808

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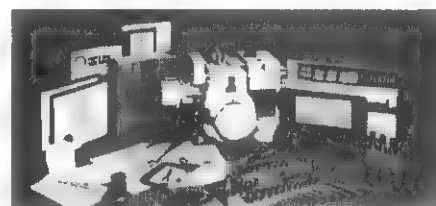
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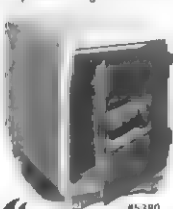
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204th CA (AA) Rgt (WWII)—Oct, Shreveport—Raymond Norwood, 2038 Bermuda, Shreveport LA 71105

204th FA Bn (Korea 1950-54)—Aug, Secaucus NJ—Nick Vanderhave, 1333 Littleton Rd, Parsippany NJ 07054

204th Port Co—Sept, Hightstown NJ—Joe Olivadotti, 300 West End Ave, Long Branch NJ 07740

206th CA (AA), Btry C—Sept, Jonesboro AR—Elmer Mayes, 601 Woodland Lane, Jonesboro AR 72401

214th AAA, Btry B—Aug, Pittsburgh—Ralph Snyder, Box 81, Leesport PA 19533

226th S/L Bn—Sept, Omaha—Glenn Davis, 9820 Redd Rambler Dr, Philadelphia PA 19115

223d Engrs, Btry C—Sept, Des Moines—John Van Horn, 1011 4th Ave N, Humboldt IA 50548

239th Engr Comb Bn—Sept, Fort Myers—Boyd Ramsey, 1730 Hanson St, Fort Myers FL 33901

240th FA Bn—Sept, New Harmony IN—John Blomquist, 2 Warrington Dr, Lake Bluff IL 60044

245th CA, AA, Gb Bn/245th MSL Bn—Sept, Ft Hancock NJ—James Carroll, 4 Cedar St, Lynbrook NY 11563

246th Engr Comb Bn—Sept, Westland MI—John Lawrence, 30110 Westfield, Livonia MI 48150

350th AAA S/Bn—Oct, Houston—Frank Herzik, 7514 Tanager, Houston TX 77074

254th FA Bn—Sept, Ft Wayne—Raymond Timma, 9631 Trentman Rd, Ft Wayne IN 46816

358th Port Bn, 152d Co (New Caledonia 1943-45)—Sept, St Paul—Ralph Brooks, 1611 Berkeley Ave, St Paul MN 55105

260th CA (AA)—Oct, Alexandria VA—Frank Wojtanowski, 4501 Neptune Dr, Alexandria VA 22309

266th CA (WWII)—Kenneth Bode, 1104 Freeman St, Charles City IA 50616

278th Engr Comb Bn, Co A—Aug, Evansville IN—Francis Martin, Rte 1, Box 208, Poseyville IN 47633

280th FA Bn (WWII)—Sept, Kallispell MT—Howard Henriksen, 600 Leisure Dr, Kallispell MT 59901

381st AAA (AW) Bn, Btry C (WWII)—Oct, Dayton—Del Cooper, 3193 Lantz Rd, Beaver Creek OH 45432

295th Ord, Co HM—Greenville TN—Jack Hope, Rte 1, Box 1220, Chuckey TN 37641

296th Engr Comb Bn (WWII)—Sept, Farmington CT—Joe Civitillo, 9 Ireland Rd, Weth CT 06109

298th Gen Hosp—Sept, Reno—E A Greenlee, 1553 Huddersfield Ct, San Jose CA 95126

301st Sig Opn Bn (WWI)—Sept, Harrisburg PA—Robert Kauffman, 755 Iron Stone Rd, New Cumberland PA 17070

314th Inf Assn/79th Recon Trp—July, Meadowlands NJ—Phil Polizotto, 2375-7 Southern Blvd, Apt 7F, Bronx NY 10460

345th Army Engr, Co F—Harold Christensen, 663 Shoreacres Dr, Fairmont MN 56031

349th Engr, Co A—RB Finn, 701 N 15th, Marysville KS 66508

361st Engr (SS) Rgt—Oct, St Petersburg FL—Alfred Pierz, 8858 S Albany Ave, Evergreen Park IL 60642

389th FA Bn, 97th Div—Sept, Fort George Meade MD—J J Newbauer, Rte 3, Box 3668F, Grayling MI 49738

440th AAA, AW Bn (WWII)—Oct, San Antonio—Russell Hage, 17660 Woodbridge Rd, Spring Lake MI 49456

448th AAA, AW Bn (WWII)—June, Columbus OH—James Egem, 40936 N Prairie, Antioch IL 60002

456th Prcht FA Bn (WWII)—Nov, Louisville—Herman Alley, 111 Ivanhoe Ln, Brownwood TX 76801

464th AAA, CA Bn (WWII)—Sept, Dayton OH—Herbert Dintman, 945 Lawnwood Ave, Kettering OH 45419

467th QM Trk Rgt, Co C—Sept, Gilbertville KY—Louis Ingram, Box 460, Advance MO 63730

472d FA Bn/472 FA Para, GLI Bn—July, Fort Wayne IN—Julian Panek, 3334 Demmler St, McKeesport PA 15131

479th Amphib Trk Co—Sept, Chrisney IN—Charles Skelton, Chrisney IN 47611

484/628/483 Med Cos—Sept, Allentown PA—George Bittenbender, 146 E 2nd St, Windgap PA 18091

489th AAA, AW Bn (SP)—Aug, Scranton PA—Chester Sebastianelli, 1185 W State St, Archbald PA 18403

492d Port Bn, Cos 230, 231, 232, 233—Sept, Jasper IN—Frank Danckis, 1060 Plaza Dr, Amherst OH 44001

494th AA Bn—Sept, Cambridge IA—H B Stensland, RR, Cambridge IA 50046

495th QM Dep Co—Sept, Branson MO—Ronald Brock, 2419 J St, Bedford IN 47421

496th AAA Gun Bn—Oct—Jim Stivers, 138 John Jay Dr, Rochester NY 14617

512th Engr Lt Pontoon Co (WWII)—Sept, Green Bay—LaVern Hansen, Rte 3, Pulaski WI 54162

530th AW Bn, AA, Btry F—July, Chehalis WA—Donald Schook, 18665 NW Tolovana, Portland OR 97229

532d EB & SR, Co F (Shore Bn)—Aug, Vancouver—Helen Anglin, 119 NE 88th Ave, Vancouver WA 98664

534th AAA, Btry B—Sept, Sedalia MO—Chris Heotis, Rte 2, Box 72004, Bates City MO 72004

534th AAA Bn—Aug, New Philadelphia OH—Philip Stutz, Rte 2, Box 358, Dundee OH 44624

535th QM S&I & Rep Co—June, Seattle—Robert Zurfluh, 10245 46th Ave SE, Olympia WA 98503

536th Ord HM Co (TK) Assn (WWII)—Sept, Stamford CT—Bayard Peabody, 105 S Main St, Baldwinville MA 01436 1350

537th AAA, AW Bn—Sept, St Louis—Gilbert Unger, 1308 Neva Dr, Dayton OH 45414

540th Engr (WWII & ET)—Oct, Daytona Beach—Mark Carpenter, 121 Apel Ave, Orelana PA 19075

543d Rgt, 3d SB, Co C—Sept, Hyannis MA—James Walsh, POB 321, E Otis MA 01029

544th Trans Co (Qui Nhon, Vietnam, 1967)—George Coleman, 16139 Seminole Blvd, Brooksville FL 34601

547th CE Bn—Ray Woodman, 2920 Brian Allin Dr, El Paso TX 79936

551st QM, Co B (WWII)—Aug, Portland OR—Lowell Delong, 480 Harvard, Gladstone OR 97027

552d AAA, AW—July, Ft Worth—Joe Skinner, POB 18952, Ft Worth TX 76118

555th AAA Bn Mbl—Sept, Lafayette LA—Sidney Broussard, Rte 1, Box 600, Breaux Bridge LA 70517

556th Sig AW Bn—John Fayle, 408 Central Ave, Naples FL 33940

560th AAA, Btry C/72d Chem Mortar Bn, Co C—Sept, Oak Ridge TN—Bruce Loflen, 136 Lawten Rd, Oak Ridge TN 37830

562d, SAW Bn, Co B (N Africa, WWII)—Aug, Tulsa—Lawrence Eubanks, 1201 E 9th St, Sand Springs OK 74063

565th AAA, AW Bn—Sept, Nashville—George Harber, 2781 Pierce Dr N, Macon GA 31204

566th QM RM, Co D—Aug, Macedonia OH—Chas Kuernerle, Rte 4, Box 564, Dover OH 44622

567th AAA, AW Bn—July, Columbus OH—Richard Todd, 11839 Julie Dr, Baltimore OH 43105

605th TD Bn—Sept, Findlay OH—Lawrence Montgomery, 120 E 1st Ave, Plainwell MI 49080

609th TD Bn—Sept, Jackson MS—George Funke, 3260 Oakford Rd, Trevores PA 19047

627th QM Ref Co (WWII)—Sept, Richmond IN—Ed Held, 1212 Linwood Ave, Columbus OH 43206

630th AAA Bn—July, St Louis MO—Edward Haintl, 2005 Riverwood Dr, St Louis MO 63136

648th TD Bn—Sept, Lake George NY—John Sonntag, 3 Kettle Rd, Norwalk CT 06850

650th Eng Topo Bn—Oct, Alexandria VA—Bill Hutcherson, 3441 Hunting Creek Rd, Alexandria VA 22309

661st TD Bn—Lexington KY—William Beswick, POB 576, West Point VA 23181

695th AAA, MG Btry, Sep AB (WWII)—Sept, Wapakoneta OH—Robert Changnon, 227 Olentangy View Dr, Delaware OH 43015

696th Engr Petro Dist Co—Aug, Cedar Rapids—William Trethewey, 5405 Cumberland Rd, Minneapolis MN 55410

712th TB Assn—Sept, Louisville—Ray Griffin, Box 22, Aurora NE 68818

712th ROB, Co C (WWII & Korea)—Sept, Virginia Beach VA—Frank Blodgett, 1109 N Poplar, Wellington KS 67152

717th ROR, RII Railway Svc Vets—Sept, Indianapolis—W F Bullington, 3622 Holmes St, Kansas City MO 64109

735th Ord Co—Jesse Graham, Rte 2, Box 42, Newport NC 28570

756th FA Bn—Oct, Pittsburgh—Samuel Corrado, 4345 E Barland Dr, Pittsburgh PA 15227

758th Railway Shop Bn—July, Springfield IL—Thomas Richardson, 4175 Decatur Rd, Rte. 1, Springfield IL 62707

759th Railway Op Bn—Sept, St Louis—William Fox, 5976 North Barton Rd, No Ridgeville OH 44039

761st MP Bn (WWII)—Oct, Santa Rosa CA—George Fiene, 5800 Mark Twain Ave, Sacramento CA 95820

762d MP Bn (WWII) (Hawaii)—Sept, Omaha—Harry Patterson, 2134 Hickory Lane, Fremont NE 68025

764th Railroad Bn (WWII)—Aug, Bucyrus OH—Chuck Welsh, 3920 W 17th St, Wichita KS 67203

771st FA Bn—Aug, Amana IA—Paul Black, 2824 N 99th St, Omaha NE 68134

771st FA Bn, Btry B—Sept, Winston Salem NC—Joe Gabonay, POB 416, Mt View HI 96771

773d FA Bn—July, Clarksville IN—Robert Emerson, 2420 Jacobs Dr, New Albany IN 47150

777th TB—Lexington KY—Vernon Wirth, 8330 W Concordia Ave, Milwaukee WI 53222

786th EPD Co—Sept, Minneapolis—Gordon Johnson, 6829 19th Ave So, Minneapolis MN 55423

796th AAA, AW Bn (SP)—Aug, Louisville—Daniel Hertz, Box 184, Tannersville PA 18372
 800th MP Bn, Co D—Werner Witt, 506 Pershing Ave, New Prague MN 56071
 802d TD Bn—Oct, Daytona Beach FL—Joe Salvia, 92-33 241st St, Bellerose NY 11426
 809th TD Bn—Sept, Nashville—Ray Osborne, 644 Lemont Dr, Nashville TN 37216
 813th Army Ord Depot Co, G-25 (WWII)—Aug, Columbus OH—Mike Mleusnich, 1290 Moler Rd, Columbus OH 43207
 818th TD Bn—Aug, Council Bluffs—Ralph Dalton, Box 174, 210 N Washington, Randolph IA 51649
 822d TD Bn (WWII)—Sept, Cincinnati—Joe Tricomi, 119 Millcreek Rd, Niles OH 44446
 829-8682-3195 Sig Svc Assn—Oct, Orlando—George Wolf, 255-04 Pembroke Ave, Great Neck NY 11020
 842d Avn Engrs—Aug, Moundsville WV—Carl Horvath, 314 2nd St, Glendale WV 26038
 850th Engr Avn Bn—Sept, Springfield MO—Kinsey Parrott, 511 N Albany Ave, Bolivar MO 65613
 854th Engr Avn Bn (WWII)—Oct, Louisville—James Bethell, 6805 Galax Ct, Springfield VA 22151
 859th Ord, HAM Co (WWII)—Oct, Salisbury MD—Robert Anderson, PO Drawer A, Tyaskin MD 21865
 877th AAA Gun—Sept, Albuquerque—C S Sandoral, 1353 Young Ave SW, Albuquerque NM 87105
 882d Ord, HAM Co/55th QM Co—Sept, Denver—Stan Kohltz, 801 Cortez St, Denver CO 80221
 894th TD Bn—June, Independence MO—Clyde Nicholson, POB 12327, Dallas TX 75225
 899th TD Bn—July, Great Falls MT—Forrest Brown, 3201 7th Ave N, Great Falls MT 59401
 928th Sig Bn—Sept, Daytona Beach—Henry Brancaccio, 336 Yorktowne Dr, Daytona Beach FL 32019
 938th FA Bn, HQ Btry—Aug—J A Metcalfe, 12731 Mt Pleasant Rd, Mercersburg PA 17236
 976th FA Btry B—Sept, Atlantic City NJ—Tom Halvey, 39-56 52nd St, Woodside NY 11377
 977th FA Bn—Sept, Kentucky—Amelio Guerra, 260 Allen St, East Longmeadow MA 01028
 988th MP Co (WWII)—Sept, West Chester PA—John Robertson, 1130 Ashbridge Rd, West Chester PA 19380
 988th Eng Const Bn, H&S Co—Oct, Chippewa Falls WI—Bailen Faldet, 910 15th Ave NE, Rochester MN 55904
 1255th CE Bn—Nov, Morningside MD—Al Babecki, 1405 Colony Rd, Oxon Hill MD 20745
 1380th Engr Petrol Dist Co—Nov, Charleston—Cal houn Umphlett, POB 547, Moncks Corner SC 29461
 1393th Engr Const Bn (WWII)—Sept—Richard Volp, Box 21, Stockbridge WI 53088
 1567th Engr Depot Co—Nov, San Francisco—Herman Schneider, 661 Via Arroyo, Ventura CA 93003
 1813th Engr Avn Bn—Oct, Houston—Bill Albert, 641 Lance Dr, Des Plaines IL 60016
 1813th Engr Avn Bn, Co C—Aug, Lansing MI—David Donnell, 1470 N Perkey Rd, Charlotte MI 48813
 2072d QM Trk Co (ETO 1943-45)—Sept, Marinette WI—Frank Holloway, POB 608, Linden TX 75563
 3118th Sig Svc Gp (SHAEP) (WWII)—Sept, San Antonio—James Sands, 1532 Newton St, Port Charlotte FL 33952
 3472 Ord, MAM Co (WWII)—Sept, Carmichael CA—Maurice Vervalle, 4216 Kenyon Ct, Carmichael CA 95608
 3483d Ord, MAM Co—Sept, Nashville—Doris Andrews, 325 Holston Dr, Smyrna TN 37167
 6080 BAM Bn—Aug, Moline IL—Ernie Malvicimi, 154-03 25th Ave, Whitestone NY 11357
 6834 Joint Rearmament Rgt, French Training Section (WWII)—Africa, Italy, France & Germany—Joseph Catalano, 59 Ruggles St, Rochester NY 14612
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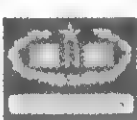
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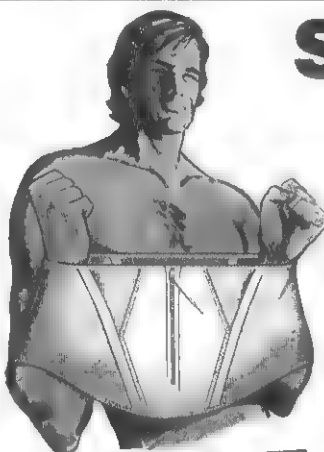
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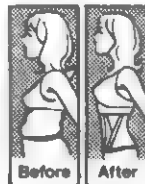
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USS LST 791—Sept, Alexandria NY—Russ Meshurel, Rte 1, Box 307, Madrid NY 13660
USS Poole DE151—Aug, Norfolk—Donald Macchia, 256 Spruce St, Bloomfield NJ 07003

MARINES

1st Mar Div Assn—Aug, Chicago—George Meyer, 1704 Florida Ave, Woodbridge VA 22191
2d Mar Div, HHC/2/8 Marines (WWII)—Oct, San Diego—Clinton Brame, 12559 Via Diego, Lakeside CA 92040
2d Mar Div, Ord Co (WWII)—Sept, Denver—Donald Scroggins, 1708 Liberty St, Parkersburg WV 26101
2d Mar Div, 2d Motor Trans Bn, Co B (WWII)—Sept, Millbrae CA—Britt Howes, 224 S Ashton Ave, Millbrae CA 94030
6th Mar Div Assn—Sept, Tucson—Mark Polak, 3420 S Ocean Blvd, 9V, Highland Beach FL 33431
Avn Sup Mar—Oct, Atlantic Beach NC—Aviation Supply Marines, POB 293, Havelock NC 28532
Banana Fleet Mar—Nov, San Antonio—Hank Thalgott, POB 95, Oxford FL 32684
Force Recon Assn—Aug, Seattle—FRA, 993 S Santa Fe Ave, Suite C, Vista CA 92083
Forward Observer, Artillery Scout Observer Course (Camp Pendleton, May, 1967)—June—Randall McGlone, Rte 4, Box 636, Grayson KY 41143
Mar Corps Tankers Assn—Oct, Jacksonville NC—Buck Wroten, 107 C Governors Ct, Glen Burnie MD 21061
VMB-612 (WWII)—1989—George Lenhart, 901 Paul Dr, Beaufort SC 29902
VMF-122—Sept, Overland Park KS—Rowland Timberlake, RR2, Paola KS 66071
VMS-3 Mar Dive Bomb Sqdn—June, Lake Harmony PA—Leon Ledson, 2921 Greenon Ln, Tallahassee FL 32304
VMTB-131—Oct, Reno—Merrill Hughes, POB 303, Tipton IN 46072
Wake Island Defenders, 1st Def Bn (1941)—Oct, Charleston—Chas Holmes, 1202 Pecan St, Bonham TX 75418
Women Marines Assn—Oct, Savannah GA—Marie Proulx, 2201 Oceanview Rd, Oceanview CA 92056

NAVY

6th NCB Const Bn—Oct, Nashville—Arthur Guttua, Box 215, Rte 1, Mondamin IA 51557
9th Naval Dist, Naval Reserves for Korean Conflict—Sept, Omaha—LeRoy Dimon, 3937 N 39th, Omaha NE 68111
11th NCB (Sp) (WWII)—Sept, Beverly MA—Charles Silva, 48 King Richard Dr, Boxford MA 01921
16th NCB—Sept, Tacoma—Ken Waterhouse, 912 18th St NW, Puyallup WA 98371
19th NCB—Sept, Kiamess Lake NY—Herbert McCallen, 97 Lawrence Pk Crsn, Bronxville NY 10708
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36th/312th Sta Hosp (NP) (WWII, England)—Kirby Britton, Rte 2, Box 369, Selma AL 36701
37th NCB (Sp) (WWII)—Sept, Indianapolis—Clyde Miller, Rte 3, Box 334, Cloverdale TN 46120
56th NCB—Sept, Baton Rouge—TJ Bankston, 31713 Tickfaw Acres Rd, Holden LA 70744
50th NCB—Sept, Fresno CA—Robert Leathers, 116 Krest, Madera CA 93637
57th NCB (WWII)—Oct, Myrtle Beach—W W Skipper, Rte 1, Box 397, Harrisburg NC 28075
60th NCB, West Coast—Oct, Las Vegas—Pat Maher, 1309 Chelsea Way, Hayward CA 94544
66th Bn/1022d Del, NCB—Sept, Chattanooga—Charles Mullinnix, 1518 Rogers Dr, Tupelo MS 38863
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539th CBMU (WWII)—Oct, Reno—James Smith, Box 4209, St Louis MO 63163-0201

Argus Unit 13—Lester Pitman, 103 W Lawson St, St Paul MN 55117
Armed Guard Vets (WWII)—Oct, Livingston NJ—Alex Lombardi, 14 Brookfield Rd, Upper Montclair NJ 07043
Deep Freeze IV (1958-59)—Phoenix—Mel Havener, 278 Lantana St, Camarillo CA 93010
Fleet Hosp 115/USS Bountiful (WWII)—Edward McAmis, SR #2, Box 270, St Leonard MD 20685
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MCB-1—July, Myrtle Beach SC—Jack Noonan, Rte 3, Box 461-A, Jacksonville AL 36265
Mil Govt Sec, CINCPAC, Pearl Harbor (Mar-Oct, 1945)—Al Mallon, 4110 Clardon Dr, Williamsville NY 14221
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MBP 1, Sasebo, Japan—Les Williams, 7705 W 120th Ave, Broomfield CO 80020
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SLCU 36, Boat Pool Baker—July, Wichita Falls TX—Donald Brown, 1008 Mitchell, Irving TX 75060
Stag One Sattor—Nov, Pensacola FL—K T Sanders, 3 Bow String Cir, Pensacola FL 32507
USS ABSD 4—Aug, New Orleans—Clyde Travis, Rte 1, Box 330, Kentwood LA 70444
USS Ammen DD527—San Diego—Calvin Higgins, POB 553, Mason TX 76856
USS Anderson DD411—Sept, Portland OR—John Wolf, 738 E Burnside St, Portland OR 97214
USS Anne Arundel P76—Edward Cavey, Box 62, Rumbley Star Rte, Westover MD 21871
USS Antietam CUS36—Sept, Nashville—Ray Patrick, Rte 3, Box 623, Max Meadows VA 24360
USS Arctic AF7—Oct, Moffett Field CA—James Kemper, 1343 Vernal Ave, Fremont CA 94539
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USS Arkab AK130—Oct, Nashville—Thomas Murray, 28624 Portsmouth Dr, Sun City CA 92381
USS Argonaut SS475—Sept, Milwaukee—R J Schirch, 6 Knollwood Cir, Holyoke MA 01040
USS Anthoned AS24 (WWII)—Jerry Staats, POB 29081, Charlotte NC 28229
USS Augusta (Atlantic Crew)—R W Bruckner, Rte 3, Box 923-1, Grove OK 74344
USS Aylwin DD355—Aug, Ainsworth NE—E W Davis, 1120 E 4th St, Ainsworth NE 69210
USS Birmingham DE530—Nov, Clearwater FL—Danny Walker, 1906 Bosky Ct, Sun City Center FL 33570
USS Birmingham CL62—Aug, Nashville—Mrs Robert Jeffreys, 122 John Dr, Chester IL 62233
USS Bismarck Sea CVE95/Air Grp VC88—Oct, Las Vegas—James Taylor, HC2, Box 298W, Canyon Lake TX 78133
USS Blackhawk AD9 & Assigned Destroyers—Sept, Omaha—G H Mason, 2212 122nd Ave E, Puyallup WA 98372
USS Blue DD387 & 744—Sept, Westport WA—Delbert McWhinney, POB 207, Grayland WA 98547
USS Bon Homme Richard CV31—Sept, Pensacola—Samuel Kaufman, 1204 Bahama Bend, Coconut Creek FL 33066
USS Boxer CV/CVA/CVS/21 LPN4—Oct, Salt Lake City UT—Paul Lane, 1116 Sherwood Forest Dr, Birmingham AL 35235
USS Butler DD636/DM529—Oct, Norfolk VA—Joseph Walsh, 3932 Indian River Rd, Virginia Beach VA 23456
USS Chauncey DD667—Sept, Baton Rouge LA—A R Kokes, 4021 W 93rd Pl, Oak Lawn IL 60453
USS Chester CA27—Sept, Huntsville AL—Bill Burgess, POB 2669, Murphys CA 95247
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USS Clamagore SS343—Oct, Charleston SC—Paul Orstad, 30 Surrey Lane, Norwich CT 06360
USS Coghlan DD606—Aug, Cincinnati—Pat Tanquary, 147 N Fiji Cir, Englewood FL 34223
USS Colorado—Sept, Mobile AL—Chris Barker, 709 Apache Dr, Independence MO 64056
USS Concord CL10—Oct, Colorado Springs—James Lane, 2314 N Cascade Ave, Colorado Springs CO 80907

USS Consolation AH15—Oct, San Diego—Helen Brooks, 1738 Burgundy Rd, Leucadia CA 92024
USS Coolbaugh DE217—Sept, St Louis—W Bud Peck, 1212 So 12th St, Mt Vernon WA 98273
USS Coral Sea CVA43—Oct, Ft Lauderdale—USS Coral Sea CVA43 Assn, 45-11 Arcadia Lane, Great Neck NY 11020
USS Dale W Peterson DE337 (WWII)—Ren Ivins, Rte 2, Foxfire, Linden TN 37096
USS Donacora YNT7—Charles Wells, 113 Vanzant Rd, Boyce LA 71409
USS Edison DD439 (WWII)—Oct, Cocoa Beach FL—Frank Tobar, 1948 Tidewater Ct, Wesley Chapel FL 34249
USS Enterprise CVAN/CVN65—Bob Spooner, 5330 SE Redwood Ave, Stuart FL 33497
USS Essex CV/CVA/CVS9—Sept, Niagara Falls—Jack Gallagher, POB 3156, Lakewood CA 90711-3156
USS Fishery DE135—Sept, St Louis—Elbert Strode, 1228 Dorne Dr, Manchester MO 63021
USS Foreman DE633—Sept, Cleveland OH—William Holley, 58P Village Green, Budd Lake NJ 07828
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USS Frazier DD807—Aug, Chicago—Loren Troxel, 20236 23rd Pl NW, Seattle WA 98177
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USS Henrico APA45—Oct, Albuquerque—Henrico Reunion Assn, POB 650, Platte City MO 64079
USS Hilbert DE742—Anne McCarthy, 26 Vernon St, Tewksbury, MA 01876
USS Hoe SS258—Aug, Milwaukee—Harry Flagg, 7003 23rd Ave W, Bradenton FL 34209
USS Horace A Bass APD124/USS Osprey AM58—Charles Kunick, 2840 Bamboo Dr, Lake Havasu City AZ 86403
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USS Hovey DMS11/DD208—Oct, New Orleans—Dusty Horton, 2827 Monarch St, San Diego CA 92123
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USS Inch DE146—Sept, New England area—Roy Frank, Wotanda Shore Dr, Meredith NH 03253
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USS Kaik DD611 (WWII)—William McKinley, 9848 N 14th St, Phoenix AZ 85020
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USS Marvel AM262—Philip Wells, 7675 S US 1, Lot 96, Titusville FL 32780
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USS Philip DD498 (WWII)—Aug, Norfolk VA—Hazard Benedict, 5110 Stearns Hill, Waltham MA 02154
USS Phoenix CL46—Nov, Norfolk VA—Andy Wilson, POB 154, Vader WA 98593
USS Princeton CVL23 (WWII)—Oct, Charleston SC—Sam Minervini, 251 Marlboro Rd, Wood Ridge NJ 07056
USS Pringle DD477—Oct, Orlando—William Herman, 1427 Woodbridge Rd, Baltimore MD 21228
USS Quapaw ATF110 (1944-46)—July, Indianapolis—Carlton Boles, 516 N Payton Ave, Indianapolis IN 46219
USS Randolph CV/CVA/CVS15—Nov, Norfolk VA—Walter Timmons, 785 Temple Ave, Orange City FL 32763
USS Relief AHI/USS Demios AK78—July—Roy Nelson, Rte 6, Box 148, Livingston TX 77351
USS Ringgold DD500—Sept, Indianapolis—George Souvenir, 1512 Goldenrod Dr, Indianapolis IN 46219
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USS Salem CM11—Sept, Grand Rivers KY—Irvin Bong, 9819 10th Ave So, Bloomington MN 55420

USS Samuel S Miles DE183—Sept, St. Louis—Joe Evers, 83 Murray St, Augusta MA 04330

USS Saranac A074—Oct, Orlando—Richard Kuster, 1200 N Atlantic Blvd, #404, Ft Lauderdale FL 33304

USS Saratoga CV3—Sept, San Diego—P R Tonelli, POB 304, Sedona AZ 86336

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Camp Crowder MO (1941-54)—Seeking anyone station- ed—June Powers, Coordinator, Camp Crowder Collection, Crowder College, Neosho MO 64850

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